MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2016
University Center, Room 363

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Marian Levy and Alan Swistak

2. Introductions

3. Today’s Agenda
   a. Review of group goals per MOU
      i. Collaborative Research
      ii. Collaborative Programming
      iii. Educational Opportunities
      iv. Graduate Assistant Health Coverage (Memphis Plan)
      v. TIGER Life
   b. Current status of projects (updates)

      i. Collaborative Research: Jenessa spoke about the importance of work groups completing the HMI project form, which helps the research area of the Knowledge Ministry at CHC keep track of what is being done, encouraged participants to complete form in order to keep everyone informed about progress, grants, etc. Six forms have been filled out to date. The form will be sent out again following the meeting and computers have been made available for those wishing to fill out the form after the meeting concludes.

      Marian announced that there will be a representative at the next meeting to provide assistance with grant writing, also announced efforts being made between CHC and U of M to study the ability for residents to walk in Memphis, particularly to the CHC. This includes the public health, criminology departments at the University.

      ii. Collaborative Programming: Stacy updated attendees on the scholar program at the CHC, which involves a graduate level certificate from the U of M and collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Faith and Health at Methodist hospital. Commitment has been made for an optional online and in-person hybrid course.

      Alan announced the plans for the poverty simulation in collaboration with Marian Donahoe to be a portion of the Westberg Symposium in Chicago in April. The most recent simulation has been this past Wednesday at St. John’s United Methodist Church.

      Susan announced that a meeting between Butch Odom of Behavioral Health at CHC and the University of Memphis to develop a substance abuse certificate is taking place this week.
Stacy announced an ongoing discussion about early childhood experiences that could be a worthy collaboration between public health and childhood development in the future.

Joy announced a research project in Cuba around four topics: violence against women, women and poverty (focus on mother and children), environment and gender, and a pending launch on health literacy. She expressed interest in CHC participation. Ann suggested contact between Joy and CHC Perea preschool.

Sylverna is continuing to look at options for extending library privileges for HMI participants.

iii. Educational Opportunities: Marian announced graduate certificates in population health and analytics.

Jim announced that the list of certificates has grown to approximately 30 certificates.

Stacy expressed interest in the Faith and Health certificate in regards to the scholar program and the development of a funnel for recent college grads into the University regardless of where they received their undergraduate degree and further into Memphis.

Latrice announced a collaboration for pastoral counseling in regards to HIV awareness in black churches alongside Faith Community Outreach at CHC. Some of the findings have already been presented and have helped inform grant proposals at the National Institute of Health and more data is currently being collected.

iv. Graduate Assistant Health Coverage (Memphis Plan): Jim explained the coverage the University provides for graduate assistants through the Memphis plan at CHC. The University covers 20% of the cost of the plan. Jim also announced that the graduate assistants program is anticipated to grow by 3% next year.

v. TIGER Life: Maurice shared a project between CHC and TIGER Life in regards to future Crosstown plans in order to provide administrative and job training, certification programs for personal care assistance and industrial cleaning, and horticultural therapy with hopes of participation in the weekly farmer’s market at the CHC Wellness center. Maurice also expressed nutrition and exercise plans in an ongoing conversation with Lisa Carson of CHC as well as an offer from UT for assistance from an occupational therapist. There are currently 85 students within the 100-member capacity. Maurice also expressed outreach toward North Mississippi and Arkansas in efforts to expand the program into the tri-state area. Before Crosstown can become a post-graduate reality for the students they will be housed in a dorm at the University of Memphis.

Next meeting: March 18, 2016 10:00-12:00 in UC 363