

Petersburg  
Anti-Poverty Commission (APC) Minutes  
December 10, 2020

**Attendees:** Dr. Rosezelia Roy, chair, Pastor Michael Shannon, vice-chair Mrs. Monica Huddle-Elrod, Mrs. Florence Rhue, Mrs. Deborah Buford, Mrs. Keitoya Taylor, Mrs. Linwood Christian, Mrs. Barbara Hoosier.

Absent: Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith due to illness.

**Video Conference:** Zoom meeting conducted. Guests attended (2)

**Meeting Commenced:** 6:10 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Agenda:**

- I. Opening of the Meeting
  - II. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. Alton Hart, Jr.
  - III. Overview of Anti-Poverty Commission's Goals
  - IV. Speaker: Conversation with Dr. Hart
  - V. Questions and Answers Period
  - VI. Acknowledgement of Appreciation to Guest
  - VII. Approval of Minutes
  - VIII. Follow-up on Minutes Being Placed on Petersburg's Official website and Meeting Date Announcement
  - IX. Discussion of Guests Responses
  - X. Set date for subcommittee's Best Practice Review on Healthy Community
  - XI. Follow-up of subcommittee's meeting on Education/Workforce Development
  - XII. Announcements
  - XIII. Closing Prayer
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**I. Opening of Meeting**

Commissioners/Guest	Topic	Summary
<b>Dr. Roy motion to open the meeting:</b>	Pastor Michael Shannon 1 <sup>st</sup> and Mr. Linwood Christian 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve and carried to accept the agenda.	
<b>Motion to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes</b>	Mrs. Monica Huddle-Elrod 1 <sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Florence Rhue 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve November 11, 2020 minutes with the needed corrections.	Opening prayer was not reflected from the previous minutes. (Dr. Roy rendered the opening prayer. Pastor Shannon rendered the closing prayer)

**II. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. Alton Hart, Jr.**

**III. Overview of Anti-Poverty Commission's Goals**

**IV. Conversation with Dr. Hart**

Commissioners	Topic:	Summary of remarks.
Dr. Hart	Group discussion related to Healthy Community and Reduction of Poverty in the Community.	

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<p>Dr. Roy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the needs of the people in Petersburg?</li> <li>• How can we help and collaborate in all aspects?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Based on the education and unemployment health ranking for 2020 children live in poverty and have the greatest impact on health.</li> <li>2. The greatest impact on health is education, employment and violence.</li> <li>3. Social determinate of health: live, learn, work and play.</li> <li>4. When you have a lack of housing, it has a poor effect on the community, economic status and education.</li> </ol>
<p>Dr. Roy</p>	<p>How can we encourage K-12 truant to attend school or training skills?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Start preparing the youth for the jobs, economic development and job creation in the city.</li> <li>2. The importance of community involvement is where it starts to reduce poverty and build hope.</li> <li>3. Importance of education on housing and eviction rate are several entities in Petersburg.</li> </ol>
<p>Mrs. Florence Rhue</p>	<p>Crater Health District is educating the community on how to improve on staying healthy and obtaining information?</p> <p>How does it impact the youth?</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Reponses:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crater Health District is working on COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>2. Focus on economics and work force development.</li> <li>3. Youth with poor housing is traumatic and lack of food will affect cognitive development causing adverse childhood experience.</li> <li>4. Educating parents and</li> </ol>

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		<p>trauma response in the school systems can impact their outcomes and educate parents.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Importance of Health education in the school system and helping young people with making good decisions by educating and setting life goals.</p>
<p>Mr. Linwood Christian</p>	<p>What is the impact on education? Where are we with contact tracing? Why haven't we seen more of you at this time?</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health department has been doing contact tracing behind the scene. To notify others who have been in close contact with COVID-19. Command Team-</li> <li>2. regarding incidents</li> <li>3. Mrs. Darnetta Tyus-Liaison assigned to communication for the City of Petersburg.</li> <li>4. Dr. Hart cohost a VSU radio show every Tuesday at 3pm since April providing updated information on the number of COVID-19 cases cross the district and a range of topics.</li> </ol>
	<p>How has the plans been implemented and distributed?</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a CDC advisory committee which will determine distribution.</li> <li>2. Tiers 1- Health care workers and long-term nursing home will be distributed by the end of December. 1-B: Essential personnel and health care professions. 1-C: chronic medical condition and seniors 65yrs older</li> </ol>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Tier 2- Provide the general public. The Health Department do not make the decisions on collecting data.</li> </ol>
Mrs. Florence Rhue	<p>COVID-19 App. Did you get a pin number?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. COVID-19 App will help persons know if they have been in contact with someone.</li> <li>2. With the COVID-19 app, you are required to have a pin number. People who have been diagnosed should be given a pin.</li> </ol>
Dr. Roy	<p>What are some short-term goals for Crater Health Department? How can we improve our short- and long-range goals to get out of this?</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No short range goals. The benefits will be seen further down the line.</li> <li>2. Focusing on childhood trauma and working on programming with the youth.</li> <li>3. Building a resilient community to help kids.</li> <li>4. There is a disconnection of social network and need a reconnection with the community.</li> <li>5. Healthy community should focus on children and need to have stable housing to be successful in school.</li> </ol>
Dr. Roy	<p>What are your thoughts that are related to adults?</p>	<p><b>Dr. Hart Response:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Educate the adults and work with the community to develop health coverage.</li> <li>2. Provide access to insurance information, help with signing up.</li> <li>3. Need more people to help with educating others and sign up for health coverage.</li> <li>4. People do not want to go</li> </ol>

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		to the doctor and have a negative response. If we help people with enrolling in dental/medical care, this will help with health coverage.
		1. Participated in a program in Pittsburg (Trauma Informed Community Development) work. Hill District in Pittsburg, Trauma response team.

<b>V.</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Appreciation to Guest</b>	<b>Dr. Roy</b>
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<b>VI.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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<b>VII.</b>	Follow-up on Minutes Being Placed on Petersburg's Official website and Meeting Date Announcement	
Dr. Roy	Will work with Mrs. Treska Wilson-Smith to ensure the Anti-Poverty minutes are on the City of Petersburg website.	

**VIII. Discussion of Guests Responses**

Commissioners		Summary
Mrs. Florence Rhue		What is in the community that will help people to rise out of poverty? Importance of giving attention to the trauma children experience. What is needed as a commissioner to put together recommendation needed by City Council to move forward.
Mrs. Deborah Buford		Discussed reaching out to Dr. Hart to become a part of the commission and would give more legitimacy to the council and make a statement.
Mr. Linwood Christian		What steps can the Neighborhood Assoc. take to help the community and a lot of people with underlining health issues. Trying to get people signed up for Medicaid.

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Mrs. Florence Rhue	Does the City have a liaison with the Neighborhood Association?	Have someone work on the City level to work with the Neighborhood Association? How can we encourage the City Council support the Neighborhood Association?
Dr. Roy	Was someone given the task to work with the Neighborhood Association?  Do we know who was designated?  (Ms. Jackson Clerk of City Council)	
Mr. Linwood Christian		Mr. Linwood Christian is not aware of the person but can find out. He will contact Mrs. Jackson to ascertain the person's name.
Dr. Roy		Indicators: Education, Impact of Trauma, Economics, Education of the Community, Grassroots programs initiated, lack of information and how people can help themselves are issues.
Mrs. Florence Rhue	How trauma can affect the right side of the brain?	In the school system, Art programs are the first thing that is cut in the city. How can we engage the youth? Crime goes down when there are cultural enrichment programs. In the Peterburg City plan (Petersburg strategic plan) she did not see Art or cultural enrichment programs.

**IX. Set date for subcommittee's Best Practice Review on Healthy Community**

Dr. Roy	Requested commissioner to submit date and time for availability to schedule a subcommittee (Healthy Community) by Monday either text or email.	
	Provide strategies for healthy community. Mr. Christian and Mrs. Hoosier are interested.	

**X. Follow-up of subcommittee's meeting on Education/Workforce Development**

Mrs. Florence Rhue	Discussed previous subcommittee meeting	Community involvement is important and would like to invite previous guest to a meeting.
Pastor Michael Shannon	Attended a meeting with 3 commissioners, school board, Mr. Pritchett and Leanne Lytle	Recognize the gaps with K-education, schools are not properly maintained, one way in & out, noted emergency issues and identified concerns. Schools are divided in the city and need team work.
Dr. Roy	Discussed meeting on November 30, 2020.	1. It was suggested by

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		<p>Leanne Lythe to meet with Pam Bell, Chief Officer of Student Advancement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Also have a meeting with Executive Director of Community in Schools of Petersburg.</li> <li>3. Shared information related to Workforce.</li> <li>4. Developing a subcommittee meeting TBA.</li> </ol>
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**XI. Announcements**

Scamming Letter	Scam Letter Clinical research.com	Representative will request a person of color to participate in research.
<b>Clarification</b>	Commissioners, please send all documents to the chair or vice chair before submitting to Clerk of the City Council.	
<b>Information</b>	Anthem- Southside regional is not accepting anthem insurance. Send text message to commissioner to read about anthem not renewing with Southside Regional.	
	Westview- Early childhood development area - did not meet the quota for children and we need to investigate family involvement which is important. The parents must understand the impact.	
<b>Announcement</b>	Good Shephard Baptist Church- Saturday 12/12/20. free takeout meals which was co-sponsored by the Feed 5,000 Program. In addition to free meals, seniors or disabled individuals, will receive delivered meals to their vehicles. Served until gone.	
	Winter hats, gloves and coats bring items to Petersburg School Board	

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	Office tomorrow. Talked with Jamal today about what winter items received thus far. They need girls' coats, sizes 4, 5 or 6.	
	Bethany Missionary Baptist Church- Toy Give Away on 12-19-20. Give out toys until the toys are gone.	
	Petersburg Need and Feed Program. Application Is on the Petersburg website and has a deadline date.12-16-20.	
	Sharing health related Strategies:	<a href="https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/health-promotion/2/strategies/health-education">https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/health-promotion/2/strategies/health-education</a>
	Shared proven strategy by a Petersburg stakeholder.	Ettrick Community Group. Set goals -- short term and long-term. Lesson learned.... Gain more partnerships and collaboration when citizens see short term goals met while working on long term goals.

- XII. Closing Prayer: Mrs. Florence Rhue
- XIII. Motion to Close: Mrs. Hoosier 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Mrs. Huddle-Elrod 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- XIV. Closing time: 8:12pm