

Metro Animal Care and Control (MACC) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 14, 2014

Present:

Members: Council Lady Karen Bennett, Councilman Phil Claiborne, Jon Cole, Sharon Green, Jennifer Hagan-Dier, Leighann Lassiter, Angel May, Shannon Poindexter, Dr. Tobe Singleton, Thomas Spence, Lisa Stetar, and Marc Stevenson.

Staff: Ashley Daugherty, Dr. Brent Hager, Tom Sharp, Becca Morris, and Spencer Hissam; Martha Bickley, recorder

Dr. Paul called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Dr. Paul welcomed new members and asked all present to introduce themselves by stating their name and affiliation. He also briefly outlined the role and origination of the MACC Advisory Council.

Approval of March 12, 2014 Minutes

Jon Cole made a motion to approve the March 12, 2014 minutes as written. Shannon Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MACC Update

Rebecca Morris

- Erica Silverboard has been hired as the Volunteer Coordinator and Community Liaison at MACC
- The MACC Manager and MACC Kennel Supervisor positions have been posted and will close on May 22
- The inaugural issue of The Good News Newsletter was e-mailed in April
- Policy improvements continue at MACC
 - Lost dog policy
 - Urgent/Extended Stay program
 - Last Call program
- There are currently 33 MACC partners. Four have been added since the March meeting
- Since January 1, 108 animals have been transferred to Nashville Humane Association
- Several adoption events are scheduled in May and June
- Fee Schedule was distributed (Attachment I)

Brent Hager

- Distributed the metrics report covering the month of April 2014 (Attachment II)

Ashley Daugherty

The dogs seized at the Pewitt Road location have been surrendered and will be assessed individually by the Animal Farm Foundation during the last week of May, and if appropriate, will be spayed or neutered and placed with rescue groups. Ms. Lassiter commended Brandon Sprinkles for his hard work, care, and compassion for the seized dogs.

Darting Update

Spencer Hissam explained that three of the five employees who were trained in chemical capture in 2011 remain on staff at MACC, and the current obstacles to MACC's use of chemical capture. He said efforts for the program to be licensed to perform chemical capture would be undertaken once

the new manager was hired. Councilman Claiborne offered strong encouragement to take as many steps toward licensure as would be possible in the interim.

Legislative Update

Councilman Claiborne said that a formal opening would be held for the dog park at Two Rivers, which would be the city's largest dog park. The opening would be held June 7 at 9:00 a.m., and the Mayor would be hosting a Walk 100 walk immediately following the ceremony. He asked that MACC participate as an adoption event.

Council Lady Bennett said that she is working on regulations that would address dog pen square footage requirements.

Spay/Neuter

Becca distributed documents related to The Big Fix. She said that the July meeting would feature discussion on increasing spay and neuter efforts in Nashville. She, Dr. Paul and Ms. Daugherty invited members to review the material and be prepared for meaningful dialogue at the July 16 meeting. (Attachment III) (Attachment IV)

Dr. Paul credited Phran Galante for bringing information about The Big Fix 2020 to the attention of the Advisory Council.

Other Business

The third annual Woofstock at Fontanel Mansion, a benefit for Bonaparte's Retreat and Crossroads Campus, will be held on June 7, 2014 and MACC will participate.

Dr. Paul invited nominations or volunteers for chair of the group. He offered to share more information about the responsibilities and expectations with anyone interested.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 16, 2014** from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

Please mark your calendar for the next meeting date: July 16, 2014.

The following meeting dates remain for 2014: July 16, September 10, and November 12

PLEASE NOTE that all meetings after the July 16 meeting will be held in the Board room at the new Lentz Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville TN 37209.



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**Metropolitan Nashville Board of Health
 Animal Care and Control Adoption Fee Schedule**

Dogs – Single adoption*	\$90.00
Dogs – Litter mates/double adoptions	\$135.00/pair
Cats (1 year and up) – Single adoption	\$40.00
Cats – Litter mates/double adoptions.	\$60.00/pair
Kittens	60.00
Kittens – Litter mates/double adoptions	90.00
Birds	\$15.00
Rabbits	\$5.00
Ferrets	\$10.00
Snakes and lizards	\$10.00
Guinea pigs and hamsters	\$5.00
Livestock	\$50.00
Seniors -- Dogs (Person 60+ years or dog 5+ years)	\$45.00
Seniors – Cats (Person 60+ years or cat 5+ years)	\$20.00
Special Community Adoption Events	Per Discount Calendar
Special needs animals (requires approval) #	\$15.00
Certified MACC Partners	Half Price
Military veterans and Metro Employees**	Half Price
Certified Storefront Partners	\$0.00
State-licensed Shelters	Transfer
“Urgent” Animals	Public: Half Price / Partner: \$ 0.00
“Last Call” Animals	\$ 0.00

* Adoption fees include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, medication and first series of shots

Special needs approval by MPHD Director or designee

**Dogs and Cats only; maximum of three animals in any 12-month period

Monthly MACC Metrics

Report prepared by Brent Hager

Report Covers Month of: Apr-14

	Program/Service	Current Month	Same Month Previous Year	% Difference	YTD	YTD Previous Year	% Difference
1	INTAKE	564	742	-24%	6823	6881	-1%
	Dogs	345	397	-13%	3964	3946	0%
	Cats	219	345	-37%	2859	2935	-3%
2	ADOPTIONS	90	129	-30%	1304	1021	28%
	Dogs	71	94	-24%	922	771	20%
	Cats	19	35	-46%	382	250	53%
3	RESCUE/TRANSFER	80	7	1043%	447	66	577%
	Dogs	51	5	920%	316	57	454%
	Cats	29	2	1350%	131	9	1356%
4	EUTHANIZED	278	498	-44%	4479	5297	-15%
	Dogs	144	217	-34%	2238	2658	-16%
	Cats	134	281	-52%	2241	2639	-15%
5	SPAY/NEUTER @ MACC	87	130	-33%	993	814	22%
	Dogs	75	84	-11%	732	570	28%
	Cats	12	46	-74%	261	244	7%
6	ROVER SPAY/NEUTER @ MACC	22	35	-37%	434	96	352%
	Dogs	13	27	-52%	209	69	203%
	Cats	9	8	13%	225	27	733%
7	SPAY/NEUTER @ OUTSIDE VETS	5	0	100%	185	98	89%
	Dogs	5	0	100%	156	91	71%
	Cats	0	0	0%	29	7	314%
8	SERVICE REQUESTS/COMPLAINTS	1196	1149	4%	11089	12084	-8%

Consensus Workshop: Facilitation Grid

Group Question: How to expand access to spay and neuters in Davidson County?

Embracing Technological Advances	Building Sufficient Surgical Capacity	Sustaining Financial Support	Making Access Easier	Research and Strategy Development	Youth Education Programs
Explore new technologies	Increase Surgical Capacity	Focus on Sustainability -Home -Resources	Rover at MACC twice monthly	Short Term Plan (specific and measurable)	Education on need and problem
Use Medical Advances for sterilization (Shots)	Stationary Spay and Neuter Clinic	Registration Fees to raise \$	Have Saturday Appointments	Partners from successful communities-	Education (kids)
	Open a High Volume Clinic	Financial Assistance; grant writing	Clone Rover send him right over		
		Increase Licensing Fees to fuel spay and neuter efforts	Expand hours. Nights and Weekends		
		Raise Money -Government -Community -Centralized (?)	Easier to get to		

Consensus Workshop: Facilitation Grid Continued

Group Question: How to expand access to spay and neuters in Davidson County?

Targeting High Risk Populations	Veterinarian Community Engagement	Community Outreach and Marketing	Incentives for Owner Participation	Reducing Intake Adoptions	
Focus on Kitties and Pitties	Vouchers for Vets	Spay and Neuter and Euthanasia Ticker Board	Incentives for participation	Consistent spay and neuter policy for all adoptions	
New processes between agencies i.e. TNR	Increase Donated Services by Vets	Expand Media and PR	Neuter Food Incentive Program		
Quadruple Trap-Neuter-Release	Make it easier to afford	Social Marketing -ad campaign -Innovative community outreach			
		Community Buy-In and Support			
		Outreach Programs			
		Run a big media campaign			
		Annual Spay and Neuter Month			
		Community Sponsors (awareness)			
		Develop Campaign			

Consensus Workshop
The Big Fix: Next Steps

Step One: Research the following areas

1. Embracing Technological Advances
 - research new technologies and medical advances including shots
 - cost savings (?)
 - any being used in Davidson County or Tennessee
2. Sustaining and Fostering Support
 - research available grants for s/n programs and media campaigns
3. Research and Strategy Development
 - research successful s/n strategies and campaigns from other counties/states
4. Youth Education Programs
 - research Animal Care education programs/curriculums
 - who runs them
 - in schools (?)
 - in shelters (?)
 - volunteer program (?)
5. Target High Risk Populations
 - research Trap-Neuter-Release
 - research Pit focused programs
6. Veterinarian Community Engagement
 - research voucher programs
 - how many veterinarians in Davidson County
 - research creative ways to increase donated vet services
7. Community Outreach and Marketing
 - research successful community outreach and marketing strategies for s/n
 - how did they create community buy-in
 - what do outreach programs look like in other counties
8. Incentives for Owner Participation
 - research successful incentive programs
 - what are incentives
 - grant money (sustainability)

Additional Data Needed:

- Current Rover Usage

Step Two: Report Findings and Schedule Action Planning Session

- Action Planning Sessions can be broken into (2) half day sessions or one ALL Day Session
- Areas of focus would need to be selected by the council.