

HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Justification and Approach

The program has an operational Health Advisory Committee whose main purpose is to assist in the planning, operation and evaluation of the health services component and can advise on all service areas of the program as needed. The Advisory assists in the planning for the upcoming year by reviewing and providing input into the policies and procedures utilized to direct the program. The Multi-Advisory is utilized throughout the program year as new directives of compliance are issued. The committee is made up of parents and professionals from various fields. The committee meets at a minimum of twice a year, with subcommittees and additional meetings, as needed.

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Committee Membership (2025-2026)

Kelly Lewis- Coordinated School Health, Van Buren County Schools Chair

Carrie Swafford, Health & Disability Services Specialist UCHRA-VBHS Vice Chair

Ann Marie Vinson- TN Department of Health, Community Health Council Coordinator

Monica Turner- Registered Nurse with Van Buren Health Department

Mindy Doyle- Van Buren Health Department Director

Ashley Al-Hasan - Public Health Educator with Van Buren Health Department

John Copeland- TenderCare/Van Buren Health Department

Melissa Allison- Relative Caregiver Program

John Cunningham- Centerstone Behavioral Healthcare

Paula May- University of Tennessee's Agriculture Extension

Jessica Roberson- Upper Cumberland Development District

Jacklyn Medley - Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency

Gary Kelly - Centerstone

Joseph Foutch - Empower Navigator

Please note the list is subject to grow in members throughout the year as new people/resources are introduced at county council meetings...which is conducted in conjunction with the Head Start Advisory. Revised 8/2025