

FACILITATOR

Grace Habeck, Grant Coordinator HCPH

PARTICIPANTS

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| 1. Janet Cok | 5. Kim Williams | 9. David Ditz |
| 2. Carla Rospert | 6. Christina Raftery | 10. Lauren Robinson |
| 3. Ashley Smith | 7. Rachel Danhoff | 11. Grace Habeck |
| 4. Haley Evans | 8. Tim Hoffman | 12. Nicole Marks |

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. New CHC Coordinator Introduction
3. Updates
4. FY 2022 Project Brainstorming
5. Questions

Meeting Minutes

The Huron County Creating Healthy Communities Committee met on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, virtually through Zoom for the 2021 Quarter 3 Meeting. Grace Habeck and Nicole Marks began the meeting at 9:30 AM. Grace and Nicole welcomed the committee members started with roll call, twelve (12) total in attendance.

NEW CHC COORDINATOR INTRODUCTION:

After Nicole began the meeting, Grace introduced herself letting the committee members know about her personal and educational life. Grace is a Wakeman native that graduated from Firelands High School in 2018. Grace is a recent graduate from Kent State University having attained a Bachelors in the Science of Public Health and is continuing her master's at Kent State in Epidemiology.

UPDATES:

The end of the third quarter is nearing (September 30, 2021). The shared Google drive was updated by HCPH's CHC Coordinator for the Coalition and Subcommittees to use. The drive is used to share meeting minutes, PowerPoint presentations, and other meeting documents with the coalition as well as house project documents for each subcommittee.

The Nourishing Huron County Community Garden has stopped producing vegetables for the year and the clean-up day has been set for September 16, 2021. The garden produced 468.54 lbs. of produce this year which was donated to the Norwalk Food Bank.

The coalition welcomed Janet Cok who is a local volunteer here in Huron County.

A review of the status of the current objectives was provided to the coalition members.

- The McGuan Park Revitalization project is well on its way. The playground equipment has been delivered and is slated to be installed September 24. The Town & Country Garden Club of Norwalk will be donating and planting plants for the CHC purchased planters.
- The Willard Bike Share program was placed on hold for Q2 to focus on the time sensitive objectives. This objective will be rolled into FY 2022 but will soon resume meetings and moving forward with surveying the community and determining the program details.
- The equipment for Red Cap Park has been purchased and delivered, but due to other project delays the CHC donated equipment won't be installed until the Spring of 2022.
- The Active Transportation Plan, a roll over objective from last year, has been edited by Toole Design. The Action Institute Team will reconvene to finalize the draft plan and formulate a plan for the proposal of the plan to the County Commissioners and Elected Officials. The final draft will be rolled out to the Coalition to help with the launch and seeking adoption.
- The Food Service Guidelines (FSG) planned for this year will be rolled into FY 2022, however the FSGs for Sharpnack will be completed this year. Due to poor communication through Firelands vending, not much progress has been made for this objective. The finalization of Sharpnack's FSG Policy needs to be completed, an employee taste test needs to be conducted, as well as the implementation of healthy vending options and the final evaluation.
- The Willard Community Garden project completed a successful survey of the residents of Willard. The survey had forty-seven (47) responses within a week period (March 29 - April 5). The survey results were reviewed during the meeting. The City of Willard created a webpage for the community garden as well as a Facebook page. Delays were experienced with the availability of the awarded additional funding which caused a delay in the procurement of CHC funded items for the garden (shed, communal use supplies, water line materials, concrete, tiller, etc.), however the garden has been fully installed. Thirteen (13) gardeners applied for a garden plot and three (3) of those gardeners requested an additional garden plot. The garden opened on Saturday, May 22nd to the gardeners for planting. A few items (signage, programming, post-survey, garden winterization) are left to complete for the garden to complete the objective. Rachel Danhoff stated that she reached out to Kim Williams via email to get the programming piece coordinated.
- The Wakeman Community Garden project completed a successful survey of the residents of Wakeman. The survey had fifty-one (51) responses within a two-week period (March 29 - April 12). The survey results were reviewed during the meeting. Delays were also experienced with the availability of the awarded additional funding for this project which caused a delay in the procurement of CHC funded items for the garden (shed, communal use supplies, concrete,

tiller, etc.). The Village is working to purchase items for the garden. With this delay, the garden will be installed this year, however the application launch, planting, and programming will be conducted next year. This objective will roll into next year to complete fully.

FY 2022 STRATEGIES:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was released by the Ohio Department of Health on Tuesday, June 15th. Changes have been made to the grant structure for FY 2022 based off a survey completed by CHC Coordinators. The grant has reduced the number of workplan strategies (objectives) from seven (7) to a minimum of three (3). One (1) healthy eating or one (1) active living strategy will be chosen for each priority community in contrast to the current year requirement of one (1) of each strategy per priority community. The second change is a requirement ensuring that one (1) SPAN active living strategy (Active Transportation Planning, Complete Streets, or Land Use Interventions) and one (1) FSG strategy occur during the grant cycle (5 years) in contrast to once per year. Lastly, there is a movement towards seeking and including residents of the three priority communities into the coalition.

Due to roll over objectives, the strategies for Willard and All Huron County finalized as well as the Norwalk objective shortly after. The Norwalk objective was decided and allocated to the Stoutenburg Park Revitalization which will take place in FY 2022. Planning still needs to be done regarding both the Food Service Guidelines objective (finalize location) and the Active Transportation Plan Project Implementation (select project).

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

No additional comment or questions, meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.

ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS

Q4 Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:30 – 11:30 AM