



CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION Meeting Minutes



Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 9:00 am - Online ZOOM

Laura Bogard called the Monday, March 8, 2021, Creating Healthy Communities Coalition meeting, held virtual via ZOOM, to order with the following participants:

Laura Bogard, CHC Coordinator/Sandusky County Public Health (SCPH); Jim Posey, SCPH PPC; Charlotte Stonerook, SCPH PPC; Jamie Belcher, SCPH Tobacco Prevention; Morgan Call, SCPH HPE; Annette Overmyer, ProMedica; Cheryl Miller, GLCAP Mobility; Jennifer Leonard, Community Health Services; Jenny MacDonald, SCPH WIC Program; Katie Schlagcheck, OSU Extension; Jenn Sherman, Recycle OSS; Kristie Bilger, Downtown Fremont, Inc.; Pam Kensler, Habitat for Humanity; Ruby Randolph, OSU Extension; Lee Graeter, GLCAP; Justa Smith, GLCAP; Johanna Young, The Bellevue Hospital; Marsha Overmyer, SCPH clerk

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Laura welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Morgan Call, a new HPE employee at the health department was introduced to the members.

The minutes of the Monday, March 8, 2021, CHC Coalition meeting were approved as presented.

RESOURCES AND LOGISTICS

Laura reviewed the upcoming Q3 activities in need of help.

1) Coalition Member Participation

- Laura asked for volunteers for a workgroup to address participation.
- Volunteers for the workgroup include Ruby Randolph, Annette Overmyer, Jamie Belcher and Cheryl Miller

2) Complete Streets Policy

- Gibsonburg is planning an open streets event in conjunction with a community movie night in July.
- Ruby Randolph agreed to volunteer for the open streets event.
- Cheryl Miller volunteered to assist with writing the policy.

3) Pedestrian Infrastructure in Green Springs

- Assistance from coalition members for pedestrian counts where project may take place.
- Laura has been unsuccessful with contacting the Village Administrator about the project
- Jim Posey and Lee Graeter volunteered to do counts.

4) Food Service Guidelines – Whirlpool

- Need assistance with analyzing survey results and recommendation.
- Cheryl Miller, Jenny MacDonald, and Annette Overmyer volunteered

5) Food Service Guidelines – Fremont Middle School

- Assistance needed to review survey results and identify potential improvements.
- Charlotte Stonerook and Ruby Randolph volunteered to help.

6) Community Garden in Green Springs

- Assistance needed to help maintain and water the garden if church members are not able.
- Charlotte Stonerook and Jim Posey volunteered

LAURA THANKED ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE VARIOUS PROJECTS. She will contact members who volunteered once more details are available.

2021 CHC GRANT

The 2022 Creating Healthy Communities grant application submission will be due in July 2021. Laura provided a handout on the objectives and potential strategies to from. Laura will send out a link to a Survey Monkey link for input from the CHC coalition. It will include the strategies to prioritize based on what the communities need.

****UPDATE on the upcoming grant application. There have been some changes announced at the June 17th CHC meeting with Ohio Department of Health. Laura will learn more and send an update to members when available. This may not include a survey for priorities as discussed.**

The three (3) priority communities continue to be the City of Fremont, Sandusky County and the Clyde/Green Springs School District.

For Sandusky County – it would be best to try to focus on communities other than Fremont City and Clyde/Green Springs since they are already a priority. Laura would like to expand into Woodville, Lindsey, Gibsonburg, or Bellevue if possible.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Laura requested input form members about how to increase member participation. Members voiced that more in-person meetings will be taking place with the pandemic slowing and that may help resolve the participation concern. Laura requested if anyone has ideas or thoughts to email her. Laura will contact workgroup volunteers for a meeting.

ACTIVE LIVING STRATEGIES - 2021 Updates

Complete Streets Policy project - Laura continues to collaborate with Gibsonburg committee members to write the policy. Meetings are being held monthly. A Complete Streets workshop was held on March for the committee members to learn more about writing the policy and about Complete Streets. John Willey is now on the committee which is a great asset. Discussion of the Open Streets event will take place at the June 24th meeting.

Park/Playground Improvement project – The new inclusive park in the City of Fremont, by Rodger Young Park, is targeted to be completed by September 2021. Playground equipment shipment has ordered at the end of May. The playground will be a community build. Laura and Jamie have been participating in the planning meetings with the Kiwanis Play Park Committee.

Pedestrian Infrastructure project – at a standstill currently. Laura has been unsuccessful at contacting the administrator. She will continue to try to reach him. She has been inContact with the contracted engineer with possible ideas but nothing definite.

HEALTHY EATING STRATEGIES – 2021 Updates

Food Service Guidelines project – Sandusky County: Laura has had a meeting with a nurse who is also a health and safety coordinator, Whirlpool Corp. and they have expressed interest in pursuing the strategy. There are over 3,500 employees and the corporation is about 2 million square feet with multiple vending machine areas and a cafeteria. She will be meeting with the nurse again in June. Laura is very excited to be working with the corporation.

Food Service Guidelines project – Fremont City: Laura has meet with the principal and nutrition supervisor at Fremont Middle School in May. There are 120 employees in the building and have no healthy eating structure but is interested in pursuing food service guidelines. Discussed possibility of purchasing snack carts for each teach/employee workroom. A survey was conducted with employees to gain insight into their thoughts about healthy eating. Results need to be analyzed. Laura is not sure when the next meeting will be scheduled due to summer break.

Community Garden project – The Green Springs United Methodist church is interesting in implementing a community garden on site. Laura approached their sister church in Clyde, and they were not interested. Jim, Morgan, and Laura will be working with the Green Springs church members to purchase and plant vegetable plants today. Charlotte reported on the church marquee was notice of the Community Garden Coming Soon. Laura was contacted by the News Messenger to do an article. The reporter will be meeting the group at the church today during planting.

OTHER

Kristie Bilger stressed Street Play Saturday, to be held on September 18, 2021, 9 AM to 1 PM is a great event with several community agencies participating (i.e., Sandusky Co. Park District, Sandusky Co. Public Health, YMCA). Any agency wishing to participate, please contact Laura for the survey monkey link to register.

Annette reported ProMedica Health and Wellness, has partnered with Rachel, Chamber of Commerce, creating a community health calendar. Download of free/discount health and wellness opportunities is available. Annette will train any agency how to enter information.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

THE NEXT CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES' COALITION MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON on MONDAY, September 13, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M. Laura will contact Stacey Gibson to see if we can meet at DJFS. She will send a message with details later.