



CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION

2nd Quarter Updates

Monday, April 11, 2022



Laura Bogard decided to cancel the online meeting scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022. Updates are listed according to the agenda. *There will be an in-person meeting July 11, 2022 at Sandusky County Public Health.

WELCOME

The February 14, 2022 meeting minutes have been emailed to members. Please notify Laura if there are any corrections that need to be made.

Laura is requesting a location for the November 14, 2022 meeting. Please email Laura if you can host.

2022 CHC GRANT

- The current grant status is unchanged.
- There is a new end of the year online reporting format that is being implemented this year to capture more accurate numbers for population-based strategies.
- Laura gave a power point presentation about the Kiwanis Play Park to the state CHC and other county coordinators in February with positive feedback from both groups.

- New Creating Healthy Communities Principles have been released. They are:

SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE INVESTMENTS: CHC invests in policies, projects, places, and people to create and sustain equitable, inclusive opportunities for healthy eating and active living.

SELF-AWARENESS AND EMPATHY: Everyone involved in CHC prepares to engage in the work by strengthening self-awareness and empathy.

COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS: Community members experiencing health inequities or social marginalization partner with CHC to amplify their collective power and lead solutions for their community.

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIP: Organizations partner with CHC to align with and direct resources toward community members' vision and priorities.

COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITY: CHC Coordinators approach their relationships and the work with humility, transparency, dependability, and respect for others.

Laura can send a copy of the principles to anyone who request.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Laura has reviewed the coalition membership list and looked at attendance for the past two years. Over 50% of members on the list have not attended meetings. Some of these members already have representatives from their organization attending. A simple online survey about continued interest with the coalition will be emailed to those who have missed most meetings.

ACTIVE LIVING STRATEGIES

Public Transit project – This project involves the planning, purchasing and installation of a waiting environment (bus shelter) in the city of Fremont. Laura spent time riding the shuttle on both routes in March. There are 17 stops and 1 “drive by” for people known as flaggers. Notes and photos were taken for each stop and presented to a workgroup consisting of representatives from GLCAP Mobility Management, TRIPS, health department, Habitat for Humanity, and the City of Fremont Safety Services Director on March 24th. Meetings will be held 1 – 2 times a month for planning. Laura will be contacting representatives of the disability population who use the shuttle service for their interest in participating on the workgroup.

Pedestrian Infrastructure project – This project will be done in the Village of Gibsonburg to improve a sidewalk, crosswalk or other that is used by pedestrians. A meeting was held with the Village Administrator March 21st to discuss potential locations and workgroup members. An in-person meeting is being scheduled for April 21st to begin discussions of potential locations and needs for improvements. Workgroup consists of the village administrator, a council member, a community member and currently searching for a representative from the school and the disability population. Community engagement for the project is an important part that will be worked on.

HEALTHY EATING STRATEGIES

Produce Prescription project – This is a two-year project with this first year involving engagement and education of physicians, grocers, produce stand and farmers' markets. The focus will be on patients with chronic health conditions such as diabetes. On April 1st, Laura, and the Lucas Co. CHC coordinator who is also doing this strategy talked about the program and resources. Lucas Co. gave a name to contact from the state Produce RX program that targets mothers and infants for more information. A list of county health care providers and produce retailers has been created to contact for interest in participating. More research on the program needs to be done before this step is taken. The workgroup includes representatives from the health department, WIC, OSU Extension. Laura is currently working on contacting representatives from Community Health Services and the hospital to be involved in the workgroup.

Food Service Guidelines project – Unsuccessful attempts to contact the Environmental Specialist of Whirlpool Corp., in Clyde have been made. This project is an expansion of the work done in 2021 to improve healthy food and beverage options for employees and will focus on the cafeteria. Laura will continue to attempt contacts with the representative.

SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES FOR 2022

Complete Streets Project – A draft policy was completed and given to Village council members in March to review. A presentation about Complete Streets and the work done to write the policy will be given at the April 21st village council meeting. Once the policy is approved by the council, it will be used to guide decisions and planning for the pedestrian infrastructure project.

Park/Playground Improvement Project – A meeting was held in February and March to review and discuss plans for seating, safety, signage, parking, and connecting the old playground to the new. The City of Fremont has taken the lead with support from Kiwanis and other community stakeholders. Evaluations about the new park need to be completed in warmer weather with community users.

Food Service Guidelines project – Laura has been in contact with the Fremont City School Child Nutrition Supervisor for follow up of the changes made at the end of the year. Snack carts with healthy options have been implemented at the middle school and admin building with positive feedback. Five water refill stations have been installed at the middle school. Laura will be assisting with taste test at both locations in April to determine different items to purchase for employees. An evaluation will be done about the changes in May.

NEEDS FOR MEMBER ASSISTANCE

Laura is requesting assistance from members to help do user counts at the new play park in May. This involves observing how many people use the play park within a certain timeframe on various days over a 2-week period. Time commitment is approximately one hour at various times of day(s). You can help with one or more. We will also be asking park users for feedback of the new inclusive playpark. Please email Laura if you can help.

THE NEXT CHC COALITION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M. Location is Sandusky County Public Health in the front conference room, 2000 Countryside Dr., Fremont.