

Creating Healthy Communities Coalition
November 18th, 2019
8 - 9AM @ Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church
MINUTES



The regular Creating Healthy Communities Coalition meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 2019, with the following members present:

Stacey Gibson
Thomas Miller
Allison Smith
Charlotte Stonerook
Jan Meyer
Ann Wise
Annette Overmyer
Pam Kensler
Justa Smith
Bryan Adams
Lydia Alejandro
Kate Brinker
Aly Rumer
Ruby Randolph
Cory Ellerbrock
Kristen Gerwin
Katie Schlagheck
Marsha Overmyer

INTRODUCTIONS/PSE UPDATES

Allison Smith welcomed the group. Allison is transitioning the role of Creating Health Communities to Thomas Miller until the position is filled. Allison is the Epidemiologist/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Sandusky Co. Public Health.

Pam Kensler announced that eleven (11) people from the LIFT agency packaged over 2,000 meals which will be distributed to the Fremont Food Pantry and local schools. There will be 8,000 additional meals packaged before the end of 2019.

Allison Smith provided an update for Jen Leonard from CHS who could not make the meeting. Open enrollment for the Marketplace is November 1st through December 15th. She can assist with those applications. She does not help with Medicare. Annette Overmyer commented that Jen is very knowledgeable of the Marketplace and is a great resource.

Cory Ellerbrock is presenting a class at Terra State College, Tuesday, November 19, 2019, from 3-5 P.M. on fall/balancing for the elderly population.

2020-2024 GRANT CYCLE

The Notice of Award for the grant from 2020-2024 was received. This five (5) year grant is \$100,000/year for the five (5) year period.

Stacey Gibson reported Sandusky Co. Public Health has posted a job position for a Health Educator. The employee should be on staff by early December, 2019 @ Sandusky Co. Public Health.

The date for the January, 2020 Creating Healthy Communities Coalition meeting will be decided later. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the best day and time to meet.

The 2020 Creating Healthy Communities Project Descriptions were reviewed. Coalition members were asked to complete a 2020 Project Involvement Card. The Food Service Guidelines project is mandatory, i.e. worksite cafeteria to implement changes. Stacey Gibson requested the group to “brainstorm” locations to implement the healthy food retailer initiative in Green Springs and to identify potential community partners in the Clyde/Green Springs area. Jan Meyer suggested setting up introductory meetings in Clyde/Green Springs. Pam Kensler reported the Habitat Humanity dwelling to be built in 2020 is in this priority community. Lydia Alejandro suggested mini farmers’ market be established @ one (1) place in Green Springs, i.e. open one time per week.

EVALUATION STRATEGY

Group members provided updates on progress completing all the CHANGE tool interviews. Kirwen’s Market, Crown Battery, Croghan School and Gibsonburg Trinity United Methodist church are the only sites we have not successfully scheduled interviews. The CHANGE tool evaluations need to be completed by November 22, 2019.

CAPACITY BUILDING

The membership coalition survey results will be shared at the January, 2020 meeting. The Coalition is always open to prospective members from priority communities.

ACTIVE LIVING STRATEGIES

The Streets Policy for Sandusky County is complete. Street Play Saturday was a huge success. Charlotte Stonerook distributed several bike helmets and Cory Ellerbrock distributed several water bottles. Most Street Play Saturday activities were in the Brady Building parking lot. The group agreed they enjoyed having activities throughout the entire market.

Thomas Miller said the Pedestrian Infrastructure Project evaluations are very positive and will be reported out at the January, 2020 Creating Healthy Communities Coalition meeting.

HEALTHY EATING STRATEGIES

Lactation Support has been very positive as one (1) lactation room was installed at Angie’s Angels Child Development Center, E. State St., Fremont. The evaluation will be reported at the January, 2020 Creating Healthy Communities Coalition meeting. The public has been very appreciative.

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION

Currently, Tobacco 21 is an education endeavor of the new law with numerous Facebook posts. There is an alcohol sale/seller course presented Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ the Sandusky Co. Sheriff’s office, from 1:30-3:00 P.M. The next grant year provides for tobacco compliance checks, with retail store audits, both youth and adults participating, viewing pricing, store display, etc. The store audits are being conducted in cooperation with the law enforcement class from Vanguard Career Center. There is always a need for adult volunteers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has reached the two and one-half year mark. Data for the Community Health Assessment has been collected. A draft will be completed in January, 2020 for scheduled release in April, 2020. In late spring, early summer, 2020, focus groups will meet to review the Community Health Assessment data.

Pam Kensler reported a basketball hoop has been installed @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, E. State St., Fremont. Information is on Facebook. This is to support the Shared Use/Open Use CHIP strategy. The new basketball hoop is open to the public.

OPEN FORUM

Congratulations were extended to Jan Meyer, Ohio Dept. of Health, who is retiring at the end of the year.

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Vision: Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

Mission: Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) is committed to preventing and reducing chronic disease statewide. Through cross-sector collaboration, we are activating communities to improve access to and affordability of healthy food, increase opportunities for physical activity, and assure tobacco-free living where Ohioans live, work and play. By implementing sustainable evidence-based strategies CHC is creating a culture of health.