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**FACILITATOR**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

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| 1. Brad Romano, New London Local Schools | 7. Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling & Recovery |
| 2. David Ditz, HC Sheriff's Office       | 8. Lindsey Leber, HCPH                              |
| 3. Jackie Wasilewski, HC OSU Extension   | 9. Michelle Montvilas, FTMC                         |
| 4. Karmen Ross, HC Development Council   | 10. Rebecca Riley, HC Board of DD                   |
| 5. Kaitlin Denson, HC WIC                | 11. Theresa Seasley, FTMC                           |
| 6. Kim Williams, City of Willard         |   |

**AGENDA**

- Roll Call
- CHC Review
- Updates
- Year 1 Review: 2020
- Coalition Assessment
- Subcommittees
- 2021 Game Plan
- Questions

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Huron County Creating Healthy Communities Committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 virtually through Zoom for the 2021 Quarter 1 Meeting. Lindsey Leber began the meeting at 9:30 AM. Lindsey welcomed the committee members started with roll call, eleven (11) total in attendance.

**CHC REVIEW:**

Lindsey provided an overview of the CHC Grant including the grant vision, mission statement, and commitment to equity. Huron County Public Health (HCPH) is one of 23 counties that has been awarded the CHC grant. The CHC grant operates on a 5-year grant cycle (2020-2024), awarding \$100,000.00 per year to implement active living and healthy eating strategies in the three priority communities (Norwalk, Willard, and All Huron County). A quick general breakdown of the funding was discussed.

Lindsey reviewed the current list of coalition members. The coalition is in need of project volunteers, project sponsors and champions.

**UPDATES:**





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The end of the first quarter is nearing (March 31, 2021). Lindsey shared a leverage funding opportunity (2021 AARP Community Challenge Grant) with the coalition. Lindsey encouraged coalition members to visit the website for more information to see if the grant would benefit any current projects within the county.

#### **YEAR 1 REVIEW:**

A review of the 2020 CHC year was conducted. The challenges faced with COVID-19 as well as successes were shared. During 2020, the coalition was established and grew to 41 members strong. A draft county-wide Active Transportation (AT) Plan was created, and the Nourishing Huron County Community Garden was designed and installed at the county agency building at HCPH. The coalition also worked with Sharpnack in Willard and started work towards establishing a vending machine Food Serve Guideline (FSG) Policy. Though the coalition was able to accomplish much despite the pandemic, the draft AT Plan and FSG Policy were not finalized and will be rolled into the projects/objectives for this year (2021).

#### **COALITION SURVEY:**

A SurveyMonkey® pre-evaluation survey for the coalition was emailed to coalition members on February 3, 2021. Twenty-seven (27) coalition members completed the survey during the two-week long collection period. Lindsey shared her screen with the coalition as she reviewed the survey questions and responses in SurveyMonkey®.

#### **COALITION SUBCOMMITTEES:**

Lindsey shared with the coalition that originally, as seen in the coalition survey, two subcommittees were going to be formed to complete the 2021 projects/objectives, however through the work that has already been accomplished this year, the coalition will establish a subcommittee for each project/objective, if necessary. This decision was made to ensure that partners that are interested in certain projects are able to commit to those projects as well as to recognize the value of the member's time. Coalition members can sign up for multiple subcommittees.

#### **2021 GAME PLAN:**

Lindsey shared that the Creating Healthy Communities Program announces a one-time additional funding opportunity to support projects that subgrantees may not be able to fund within their current budgets. Each CHC Community could submit one to multiple proposals for a minimum of \$5,000 to \$50,000 collectively. Lindsey reported that three (3) proposals were submitted (bike share program and community garden in Willard and community garden in Wakeman). On March 12, Lindsey received notification that the coalition was awarded \$20,000 in additional funding monies. The breakdown of the monies was provided.

The coalition will complete the following projects/objectives in 2021:

- Active Living:
  1. McGuan Park Revitalization Project in Norwalk – CHC funds will be used to purchase an inclusive play equipment piece, 4 all seasons' planters, and potting soil. Lindsey is working to secure a donation of flowers for the planters.



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2. Bike Share Program in Willard - CHC funds will be used to necessary items to create a successful bike share program including, bicycles, bicycle racks, bicycle accessories, and maintenance supplies.
  3. Red Cap Park in Wakeman - CHC funds will be used to purchase benches and bicycle racks to promote equity and physical activity.
  4. Active Transportation Plan\* - CHC will work to finalize the AT Plan and host a formal launch event to seek adoption of plan.
- Healthy Eating
    1. Food Service Guidelines in Norwalk – CHC will work with worksite in Norwalk to establish Food Service Guidelines.
    2. Food Service Guidelines in Willard\* – CHC will continue to work with Sharpnack to create and implement vending machine Food Service Guidelines Policy.
    3. Community Garden in Willard - CHC funds will be used to purchase communal use supplies, shed, raised garden beds, rototiller, waterline supplies, signage, and concrete to support the community garden program.
    4. Community Garden in Wakeman - CHC funds will be used to purchase communal use supplies, shed, raised garden beds, rototiller, signage, and concrete to support the community garden program.

(\*) Roll over objectives from 2020

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

No additional comment or questions, meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

### **ACTION ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Q2 Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Q3 Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Q4 Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:30 – 11:30 AM