



Healthy Communities Steering Committee Meeting

February 8, 2018

Eau Claire City-County Health Department

7:30AM

Room G302

MINUTES

PRESENT: TJ Atkins, (Health Dept), Cortney Draxler (Health Dept), Abby Hinz (Health Dept), Mel Kantor (UW-EC), Sarah Klenz (Hmong Mutual Assistance Assoc.), Kaylee Lyons (Americorps Member), Sarah Pedersen (Smiles for EC County), Barb Powers (Community Member), Gina Schemenauer (Health Dept), Katie Wilson (UW-EC)

Meeting called to order at 7:35 A.M.

1. Introductions and Announcements

- Introductions of everyone present at today's meeting.
- Kantor shared that CHA community conversations are beginning. Please encourage people in your networks to attend.

2. Healthy Communities Designation

- Kantor – The University of WI Population Health Institute is in the inaugural year of the Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation. This is recognition that the city/town/community is doing a good job and having momentum around health promotion. A letter to declare our interest in the designation was sent in January. This will be reviewed and if we are selected to apply for the award, notification will come in March. Healthy Communities would need to have a partner organization. City of Eau Claire is interested. Steering Committee agreed to proceed with this. <https://www.wihealthycommunities.org/>
More to come!

3. Review Annual Report

Kantor – Annual Report was reviewed. Everyone was asked to read over their section and give feedback on any missing content or other edits to Schemenauer or Lyons by the end of next week (Feb. 16th). Minor formatting edits will also be done.

4. Promote Healthy Communities Champion Award

Kantor – Application process was reviewed. Please share the word at your Action Team meeting that nomination process is open and encourage people to submit nominations for individual and organization. The person nominated does not have to be actively involved with Healthy Communities. This will also be brought forward at the March Council meeting. Winner will be finalized at the April Steering meeting.

5. Healthy Communities Celebration Planning

- a. **Committee:** Schemenauer – Looking for a small committee (potentially one person from each Action Team). Will meet once or twice to plan the Celebration. Hoping to put together a Health Fair at the beginning of the celebration event where individual Action Teams will have a table to share information and materials. This will hopefully increase Action Team

membership and encourage more involvement. The first meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks.

- b. **Speaker:** Schemenauer – there are two options for a speaker:
- i. UW-Population Health Institute Community Coaches have experience in Health Equity and would do a presentation on Health Equity 101.
 - ii. Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service offered training on Naming and Framing to give people tools on being ethically and culturally correct.

Discussion on the two options and which would fit the Celebration. Both would be around the same expense. It was decided to pursue UW-Population Health Institute Health Equity speaker. Schemenauer will proceed to make connection.

6. Action Team/Council Annual Survey Results

Action Team Survey – Schemenauer – 33 people responded, majority of those have been involved 1-3 years. Only 1/3 of respondents received an orientation, but those that did felt that it was helpful. Most people that do not attend meetings read minutes to stay up to date. A comment suggested a need to promote the feeling of being welcome, so new mentor program will really help with this. Website has infrequent usage. Those that utilize website are doing so to find out information on Healthy Communities. Would like to have a more active site that is easier to navigate. There is also a push to have more active engagement on social media. Each Action Team chair is asked to go over their piece. Overall it is felt that Healthy Communities is an effective coalition. It was decided to have the 2019 survey done via Survey Monkey along with a paper version done at each Action Team. That way more respondents will be tallied.

Council Survey – Schemenauer - 54 council members of which 19 took the survey. Majority have been members 1-6 years. Most regularly attend meetings. If don't attend meeting, most read minutes to stay up to date. Majority feel that Action Team Reporting Forms are useful. Not enough people responded to the meeting date/time question so Council and Steering Committee meetings will continue to be scheduled at 7:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Request was made for virtual attendance and not sure if the Health Dept has the technology for this and if it would be interactive enough to be feasible.

Discussion was held on possibly having a specific allotted time for networking and building community relationships. It was decided to have the room set up differently for Council meetings to be more inviting to relationship building along with encouraging more participation. Questions could be placed on individual tables for smaller discussions prior to meeting start. New meeting set up will be tried at the March Council meeting.

7. Meeting Cancellation Policy

Klenz – Earlier this year have already run into Wisconsin weather where decisions needed to be made about meeting cancellations. New policy will be put into place that if Eau Claire School District closes due to inclement weather, then Healthy Communities meeting will be cancelled. If Eau Claire is already off school for another reason, then Chippewa School District inclement weather closure will be followed. The goal of the policy is to let Action Teams, Council, and Steering members know that if you have not heard from your individual committee/team then to follow the ECSAD closure notification. As always, individual safety is most important, so if schools are open and you feel unsure about the drive to get to a meeting, please use your best discretion. Closure policy will be edited and finalized.

8. Action Team Sharing/Discussion

High Risk Drinking Prevention–

Wilson – The Public Good Order Ordinance will be going to the City Council on Tuesday, March 13th with a public hearing on Monday March 12th. This ordinance would attempt to influence the alcohol environment. This would be a positive step in the right direction to create a safer alcohol environment for everybody. A letter is being prepped for the City Council meeting. Public intoxication and disturbing public order would include being really disruptive (falling over, kicking over garbage cans, etc.)

Oral Health Promotion –

Pedersen – Having the next Inter-Professional Meeting at Deb’s Café on Wednesday, February 27th. Will be talking more about the referral process and what it looks like. There have been some dental providers have said they will treat pregnant women according to current standards.

Healthy Relationship Promotion –

Hinz – Working on toolkit which primarily focuses on middle and high school. Toolkit may also include materials for younger students. Hoping that this Toolkit is something that educators/coaches/peer counselors can use. This Action Team is hoping to have someone from the school system become a member. If you know anyone that would be interested to join, please let Hinz know.

Chronic Disease –

Powers –A Learning Circle occurred at the Chamber. FNV got another \$12,000 to continue their grant. This team has not met since December due to inclement weather.

9. Set Council Agenda

- CHA – Council will be asked for input on the top five focus areas and asked to vote on these.
- County Health Rankings – brief announcement that the rankings will be coming up and to watch for more on this.
- Hoarding Task Force – May agenda item.

It is also though to include information on the Council e-mail meeting notice as to what is being presented at the meeting so members know what to expect and that their input is valuable.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

KLENZ/SCHEMENAUR MOTIONED TO ADJOURN MTG. MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting April 12, 2018

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Respectfully Submitted