



CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION Update



MONDAY, May 11, 2020

The regular in-person meeting of Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Coalition scheduled for May 11, 2020 is cancelled for social distancing purposes.

Updates of CHC activities and progress from Laura Bogard, CHC Coordinator/SCPH:

RESOURCES AND LOGISTICS

COVID-19:

In March, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) temporarily scaled back projects including Creating Healthy Communities until further notice due to COVID-19 efforts of local health departments. Laura has continued to work on objectives as much as possible while practicing social distancing.

Sandusky Co. Public Health staff has been rotating working from home on a weekly basis since the end of March and will continue until further notice. Best method of communication is by email currently.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Coalition Membership – New member orientation booklets will be distributed next week to the new members who attended their first meeting on March 9th.

An updated 2020 Involvement list is being sent as a separate attachment with this update.

ACTIVE LIVING STRATEGIES

Complete Streets Policy project – I am working with John Willey to offer the Complete Streets workshop as a webinar soon.

Complete Streets is a policy written and adopted so that streets are designed and built for everyone. This policy is an approach that integrates people and places into the design, planning, construction, and maintenance of transportation in the community. Some examples include making it easier to cross the street, to walk and bicycle in the community.

Park/Playground Improvement project – An audit of the playground at Day Woods was completed in March. A survey about the playground was conducted with residents of Day Woods and Fremont Manor in March. Surveys were distributed to Day Woods tenants with rent notices and the plans for door to door collection at Fremont Manor was cancelled. On the day, the on-site audit was completed, some responses were collected verbally from youth (ages 8-15) that reside at Fremont Manor while they were at the playground (social distanced).

30 surveys were collected with the following results:

40% of surveys were completed by youth under the age of 17 years and 60% were completed by residents over the age of 25.

64% rated the playground as poor (26%) or very poor (38%) and 27% as fair.

90% reported they would use the playground/basketball court more if improvements were made.

93% reported adding or improving equipment would help.

63% reported improving the ground/surfaces and 63% reported more lights would help improve.

Bike Infrastructure project – Paul Hiser from Clyde was contacted and expressed interest in collaborating on the project to install bike racks in Clyde. He is also willing to collaborate with the mayor of Green Springs for possible needs there. Potential locations were identified by a walk survey done by Laura in Clyde and Green Springs. An in-person meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible to move forward.

HEALTHY EATING STRATEGIES

Food Service Guidelines project – A list of potential worksites was created, and Laura is working on contacting those for interest in the program.

Community Garden project – The project is progressing well. The garden boxes are being built at this time. An online survey about food access, consumption and insecurity was conducted in April. This survey was to determine possible needs in the east side relating to access to food, fruit and vegetable consumption and food insecurity. Due to the inability to do door to door collection in the east side area, the survey was opened to all of Sandusky County. There were 112 respondents with 42 of those being from the east side. Results from the entire survey and the East side will be emailed as an attachment.

Healthy Food Retail project – Attempts have been made to contact the Family Dollar corporate office without success. Laura obtained a list of potential sites in Clyde from the environmental staff at the health department. Laura will continue to work on contacting the corporate office and the potential sites in Clyde.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) & COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

*UPDATE: An email forward from Stacey Gibson with the results of the CHA (broken down into sections) and the links to the online surveys are being sent separately. Please disregard if you have already received an email from Stacey Gibson regarding this.

OPEN FORUM

Please send any updates or questions you may have to Laura.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, July 13, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. @ the Wilson Nature Center, 720 S. Main St., Lindsey. More details to come.