

Healthy Neighborhoods Statewide Consortium

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Meeting Minutes

1 - Introductions

- **Keanna Faison, Director of Planning and Policy, Health Care Commission**
Introduced herself personally and professionally, first week in her position with HCC. From New Jersey, has lived in Delaware for many years, housing background, last worked for DE State Housing Authority, looking forward to new role at HCC. Will serve as lead facilitator of Consortium.
- **Valerie Cannon, Dept. of Health and Human Services, DPH**
State of DE. Community Partner Support Unit. Serves as liaison between state offices and community partners. 1/3rd of Delawareans qualify for benefits and don't have them. Currently have MOUs with about 300 partners – health centers, community centers, senior programs, etc. As needed, assist partners with short term projects (such as setting up tracking mechanism to report to funders) in exchange for identifying eligible clients in need of state benefits. Supports employment/training programs, participates in Mayor's office on violence initiatives in Wilmington.
- **Roger Hesketh, U of DE, Blueprint Communities Program and Partnership for Healthy Communities**
Director of Community Revitalization, U of DE. Managing Blue Print Communities for last few years. BP Communities is a partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank Pittsburgh. Since 2008, 3 cycles of communities have participated. Provide training, TA, coaching. Primarily in Wilmington NE team. Increasingly involved in Public Policy partnership, focused on how the 2 Universities can help the City of Wilmington. U of DE Community Engagement Initiative – Partnership for Healthy Communities, interest in aligning with Healthy Neighborhoods.
- **Gina Crist, U of DE Extension, RWJF Culture of Health**
U of DE Cooperative Extension. Currently engaging with RWJF Culture of Health. 10-year commitment to build 3 Culture of Health communities. Working along-side the Healthy Neighborhoods Councils; offered resources to co-chair Councils. Youth engagement and adult volunteerism. Train volunteers to be Community Health Ambassadors.
- **David Edgell, Co-chair, Dover/Smyrna Council**
Office of State Planning and Coordination. Focus is built environment plans – zoning, land use, identifies challenges in communities and develops strategies. Has been involved in healthy eating/active living with links to build environment since 2009. Would like to develop ideas to get Kent County/Dover to focus on this. Described Downtown Development Districts – grant program to stimulate community development -- \$21M government, \$400M private investment. Community revitalization program – includes developing new schools. Looking forward to developing strategies to work together. Native of Dover and current Dover resident.
- **Matt Swanson, Co-Chair Healthy Neighborhoods Committee, DCHI**
DE Council for Health Innovation – focused on transformation of the health care system. Broad goal is to drive alignment to take costs out of the system without reducing quality/experience. Health system-centric. Essential part is community health. Wants to ensure structures are built effectively. Role we play on this consortium feeds into a

sustainability plan. He expressed concerns about inequalities across the state; hopes to be a connector. Has lived in DE 20 years.

- **Lisa Coldiron, Community Representative, Sussex County Health Coalition**
Starts working with Sussex County Health Coalition on Monday. Background is in education/early childhood. Will be a listener today. Looks forward to participating.
- **Cheryl Doucette, Sussex County Health Coalition**
Sussex County Health Coalition/Lead for HN for last 2 years. Background is community outreach and education – breast cancer work. Has passion to help community, interested in preventing/treating addiction. Sits on Behavioral Health consortium with Lt. Governor.
- **Cassandra Codes-Johnson, Dept. of Health and Human Services, DPH**
Associate Deputy Director, Division of Public Health. Has oversight responsibility for Maternal Child Health, Community Health Centers, health system protection team, informatics team. Expertise in health equity and social determinants of health.
- **Rysheema Dixon, Co-Chair, Wilmington/Claymont Council**
Wilmington elected official. Works as contractor with DCHI and Healthy Kids Delaware.
- **Troy Hazard, Sussex County Health Coalition**
Nemours. Has worked with Nemours for the last 13 years, focus on practice transformation. Previous 17 years worked at the State.
- **Tanner Polce, Policy Director, Lt. Governor's Office**
Lt. Gov. has PhD in nursing and is working on multiple projects, mostly in health and education. Very involved in mental/behavioral health, access, and integration with primary care. Brain health. Healthy Lifestyles. Member of Dover HN Council.
- **Tyrone Jones, Chief Impact Officer, United Way**
Chief Impact Officer for the last 3 years. Investment is in 8 Promise Communities. Young people read by 3rd grade; youth development; college and career readiness. Works with DE Pathways – high school students connected with labor. Basic needs support, empowering families. Coaching on money management. 466k Delawareans are in Promise Communities. Co-chair Wilmington advisory council – how can systems use their resources to ensure addressing reducing root causes of violence. Including social determinants.
- **Charles Madden, Wilmington/Claymont Council Member**
Connections Community Support Program. Interested in addressing BH needs of men who have experienced trauma. DE State U.

2 - DRAFT Charter Review

- [See DRAFT Charter]
- Reviewed Mission of the Consortium – to serve as sounding board for local proposed projects, align and coordinate with other efforts to strengthen the proposed project. Clarified that Consortium will not “approve” projects.
- Reviewed HCC Membership Conducting Consortium Business, Meetings – quarterly meetings with special meetings convened at the request of the DE HCC; Consortium Leadership Roles – DE HCC will facilitate.

3 - Healthy Neighborhoods Statewide Consortium – Update Presentation

- [See Update PPT]
- Brief review of **Final Healthy Neighborhoods Model**: Role of HMA as statewide fiscal agent, local Councils have MOU with HMA with exception of Sussex which is a local fiscal agent. Discussed resource allocations. Disbursement of funds are provided on resource allocation model – population and health status of community.

- **Social Network Analysis** will be completed next week; will be used for recruitment to local Councils and Task Forces.
- Reviewed process for **Readiness Assessment Tool** completion: consider HMA as staff for initiatives to assist with readiness assessment to ensure sound programs.
- Review of local **Council Updates** – Identified projects in process of completing Readiness Assessments. Discussed how funds become unrestricted so communities can receive dollars.
- Liddy indicated that we need to **earmark funds for Councils by July 1 or pursue plan B** which would be opening to other initiatives in the state.
- **Sustainability objectives** were reviewed – identify statewide backbone organization/maintain organizational relationships, secure 2019 gap year funding, create long-term funding mechanism 2020 ongoing, e.g., Trust. Look to Sussex County for lessons learned for local Councils.

4 - Discussion

- Tyrone: What needle are we trying to move; we need to communicate that to the Councils.
- Rysheema: What is the overall goal, because there is a disconnect between community definition of health and organizational definitions.
- Troy: Are the Councils focusing on policies, or only programming.
- Roger: Communities are increasingly well organized – we've created a confusing landscape for them. Need to align at State level. It's the same people doing all of it at the community level.
- Gina: Make sure Task Forces are aware of process to ensure they are ready to submit materials.
- Tyrone: Suggested we develop questions and matrix for Consortium member feedback on readiness assessments.
- David/Rysheema: It may be a challenge to get projects ready and executed in time frame, just need to know now to get ready for deadlines.
- Gina: At what point do we talk about infrastructure? Can Councils use money for infrastructure – person, structure. Discussed use of funds for infrastructure – mixed opinions on this.

5 - Next Steps

- Schedule Consortium meetings monthly and cancel those we don't need; will likely meet quarterly.
- We will send out materials to Consortium members 1 week in advance to ensure time for project review prior to meeting.