



## **Health and Community Working Group Meeting March 17, 2015 from 4:00-6:00pm, CVRPC Office**

**PURPOSE:** To continue discussing the edited Community Resources profile and approve maps created for the Community Resources and Healthy Communities elements.

**ATTENDEES:**

- Bill Merrylees, Community Connections
- John Boyer, Washington County Youth Services Bureau
- Sandy Singer, Capstone Community Action
- Savannah Riddle, Department of Health
- Kim McKee, CVRPC
- Emily Nosse-Leirer, CVRPC

**MEETING BUSINESS:**

**1. Recap of Last Meeting**

- Staff gave an overview of changes made since the last meeting and work that has been completed
- The group discussed the lack of town-level food insecurity data and the search for it
- So far, both group members and staff have been unsuccessful in finding data at anything lower than the county or supervisory union level

**2. Review Healthy Communities element**

- The working group made a number of extremely helpful suggestions about the profile, detailed below
- One challenge for addiction services is the size of the waiting list for services
- The connection between marketing and tobacco use, especially in youth, should be noted
- The health department will be releasing a study on in-store marketing in April, which will be incorporated into this study
- John will assist with putting staff in contact with MATT (Medically Assisted Treatment Team) staff
- Express Care centers should be mentioned as health resources
- Population growth and median age predictions from ACCD should be incorporated



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- It is important to cite the Youth Risk Behavior Survey when discussing youth challenges
- Strength Based work a WCYSB and Community Connections' work on community culture should be recognized
- Youth challenges are also mentioned in the economic element and that should be referenced
- A callout box with the definition of food insecurity should be created
- Statistics about food insecurity should be in a table or bullet points
- NOFA's work on CSAs should be mentioned
- The call out boxes should be better cited
- Readers should be directed to the natural resources element for more information on recreation
- After all the discussion, it was agreed that the profile was ready to go to the draft review committee after staff made the suggested changes

### **3. Discuss Key Challenges and Trends and Goals, Policies and Strategies documents**

- Many of the initial policies and strategies presented to the working group were from the 2008 plan
- The group expressed the feeling that the policies and strategies had "come out of nowhere" because they were related to old narrative and not the current profiles
- Staff will work to revise the policies and strategies to make them more cohesive and better related to the profiles that the working group has been refining
- Staff will also continue to revise the key challenges and trends document
- Some of the subjects were not as fleshed out as they could have been

### **4. Wrap-up and Next Steps**

- The next (and possibly last) meeting will be held on April 21 from 4-6pm