



## Health and Community Working Group Meeting May 5, 2015 from 4:00-6:00pm, CVRPC Office

**PURPOSE:** To discuss and refine goals, policies and strategies for the Health and Communities 2016 element. Before the meeting, attendees were asked to review the draft goals, policies and strategies document.

### Discuss and Refine Goals, Policies and Strategies

- It was suggested that “Lessened food insecurity” be changed to “increased food security” in Goal 2
- Acronyms throughout the document should be written out
- A policy related to supporting the Region’s Medical Reserve Corps will be added
- Rather than listing policies and strategies related to addiction and substance abuse under Goal 5 (a crime related goal), policies 5a and 5b should be moved under Goal 1 (a health related goal)
  - John Boyer made a compelling point that language must support the destigmatization of Central Vermonters struggling with addiction
- Reference to substance abuse prevention and mental health services will be added to policy 5c
- A policy will be added to reference towns seeking inter-municipal agreements related to police services
- A policy will be added to Goal 6 referencing the need for transportation to high education facilities in addition to primary and secondary schools
- Policy 7d will be added to Goal 6
- Policies 7e and 7f will be amended to discuss accessibility of recreation facilities for people of all abilities
- It was noted that the policies and strategies related to Goal 9 were more directive than the policies related to other goals
  - Staff will continue examining policies of other RPCs, ACCD and related institutions regarding historical and archeological resources, and will make revisions as necessary
- The Goals, Policies and Strategies document was approved by the working group with the suggested changes

### 1. Wrap-up and Next Steps

- This meeting marks the end of the Health and Community Working Group
- Staff thanked the group for their time and effort in the process
- The full draft element will be posted on the website soon
- The Regional Plan Draft Review Committee will start discussing the element at their next meeting, likely in July 2015