

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENTS SUBGROUP

PARTICIPANTS

Co-Chairs Dennis Worsham (PHSKC); Allene Mares (DOH)

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Absent Michael Baker (Whitman)

MEETING NOTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Allene Mares and Dennis Worsham, Subgroup Co-Chairs

Dennis and Allene welcomed the group. Daisye took roll-call.

UPDATES

Allene Mares

Allene said that the main purpose of this meeting was as a check-in to see how the key informant process was going.

Allene provided an update and reminder about how the work of the Healthy Communities and Environments subgroup fits into the overall process for *Agenda for Change*:

- Our subgroup is one of three subgroups under the larger Agenda for Change workgroup.
- Our subgroup is scheduled for an in-person meeting on February 29th from 1:30-4:30 in Kent to come to discuss results of key informant interviews, and use criteria to come to agreement on strategies.
- Our last meeting is March 29th from 10-11:30, which will be a touch base over iLinc.
- Overall workgroup process:

- **April:** Recommendations report from all three subgroups completed.
- **April-May:** Agenda for Change workgroup will review recommendations from each subgroup.
- **May:** An interim report will be completed for review by the larger PHIP workgroup
- **June-July:** Community engagement process.
- **August:** Subgroups make revisions to recommendations based on community engagement process
- **September-December:** Final report becomes Public Health Improvement Plan report to the legislature. Will also become State Health Improvement Plan.
- Allene noted that there are many different initiatives happening at once; it is like a 6-lane highway. Our goal is to go the same direction, although we may all be going different speeds and in different cars.
- Allene passed out a chart that shows the connection between the Community Transformation and the Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP).
 - PHIP is primarily Department of Health, local health jurisdictions and tribes. Within PHIP there are four main bodies of work, one of which is Agenda for Change. Under Agenda for Change there are three subgroups:
 - Communicable Disease and Other Health Threats
 - Healthy Communities and Environments
 - Partnering with the Healthcare System
 - Each subgroup is expected to address the 'what' of their subgroup as well as the three 'hows' – workforce, business practices, and funding.
 - Under Community Transformation there is the Leadership Team and the Prevention Alliance. There are four focus areas under Community Transformation.
 - Tobacco-free living
 - Healthy eating and Active Living
 - Healthy and Safe Physical Environments
 - Quality Clinical Preventive Services
- Allene noted that there is cross-fertilization work that needs to happen between Community Transformation and the PHIP. There are also many other initiatives going on that have similar scope. It is important that we support the same agenda.

PROGRESS ON KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS

Dennis Worsham

Dennis thanked everyone for submitting key informant names. He said that we had received an extensive list of names under each topic. They were reviewed and added to by him and Allene. Subgroup members were then assigned to interview key informants and submit their notes to Daisye. Some key informants were interviewed about one topic and some were interviewed about multiple topics. There was a discussion about the process – some people sent questions to interviewees ahead of time while others interviewed “cold.” The average time for interviewing one person seemed to be about 30-40 minutes. Many people noted that they were off to a good start.

CRITERIA FLOWCHART

Allene Mares, Daisye Orr

Allene provided a handout of the most recent criteria flowchart. Daisye reviewed the flowchart and discussed changes that were made since the last meeting to address concerns raised by some members. Allene asked if we were on the right track and if this was useful. There was a long discussion about the criterion – ‘Does it promote the healthy choice as the easy choice?’ While some members felt this was important, others weren’t sure that we were asking it the right way.

Allene asked the group to run a couple of strategies through the flowchart and see how it worked. She asked people to send ‘fatal flaws’ to Daisye by mid-February. Once revised, then we would use it at our next meeting with the strategies.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Worsham

None mentioned.

WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

Allene Mares

Reminder to send Daisye notes from key informant interviews. Next meeting on March 29th.