



1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Ricki Torsch, *MCHD*; Kirsten Henry, *MCHD*; Mike Dexter, *MyCare Health Center*; Gerard Santoro, *MCPED*; Becky Domagalski, *Delta Dental*; Deb Murray, *Henry Ford Health System*; Amanda Woods, *Oakland County Health Division*; Jasmine White, *Macomb Community Action*; Ally Rooker, *Henry Ford Health System*; Nicole Frantz, *Beaumont*; Kathy Peet, *MCHD*; Janae Greene, *Alliance Health*; Maria Swiatkowski, *MCHD*; Emily Norton, *MCHD*

2. Review December Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved from the December 2018 meeting. No changes were made.

3. Community Leader Survey

Deb Murray and Ally Rooker from Henry Ford Health Systems led the workgroup in discussion for their Community Leader Survey. Henry Ford Health Systems is required to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment tri-annually as a tax exempt hospital organization. During their assessment, they look at federal, state, and community level data. The Community Leader Survey is conducted to receive insight and feedback from community leaders of Macomb County to determine what the 3 priority health issues and 3 priority social determinants are.

The workgroup discussed a list of health issues and what they would identify as the top 3 issues in Macomb County. A few that were chosen from the list include Obesity/Nutrition/Physical Activity, Hypertension/Heart Disease, Cancer, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse. The workgroup also discussed resources being developed or discussed to address these. The workgroup discussed the fact that these workgroups themselves (i.e. the CHIP workgroup) exist to address these issues and that the Macomb County Health Department Community Health Assessment identified not a lack of resources but a lack of awareness about existing resources. There was also discussion about the hierarchy of needs and how individuals in Macomb County may face needs more pressing than being active and may not be able to prioritize health. This led into discussion about social determinants.

The workgroup discussed the list of social determinants and determined that the most prevalent issues were food access, income, health literacy, education, and safety/crime. The workgroup discussed various resources including MoveMoreMacomb.org, MyCare, WIC, UnitedWay, 1422 Grants, MyStrength app, and more. The workgroup also shared information about community partnerships and other information about the possibility of building relationships in Macomb County.

4. Macomb County Parks and Natural Resources Master Plan Update

Gerard Santoro presented on the new, comprehensive plan for Macomb County Parks and Natural Resources. The new plan is used to communicate values, create historical records of parks and recreation assets and public input, determine areas for further exploration, and make us eligible for grants. The engagement survey received about 400 responses from community members who provided feedback about parks and natural resources.



The presentation slides include additional information about the process of engaging the community and stakeholders, as well as engagement survey results and analysis. The presentation also includes additional information about the goals of the Master Plan and recommendations.

Questions following discussion:

Q: Was this the first time Macomb County did this?

A: Sort of. This is the most comprehensive process/ there was a different philosophy surrounding this Master Plan.

Q: Is there a plan for integrating this plan with the local municipalities?

A: Absolutely! There will be users groups and this plan will be integrated through various Michigan Parks and Recreation Associations.

5. Group Discussion

Due to time constraints, the group discussion was tabled for a later date. However, the Tools for Healthy Schools Guide were available for anyone who wanted to view a hard copy and flyers were provided to everyone who attended. Additionally, one of the handouts was preliminary survey results so attendees were encouraged to check out the initial results.

6. Partner Updates

During his presentation, Gerry shared information about the [Macomb County Tree and Plant Sale](#). The USDA recommends 40% tree cover and some communities in Macomb County have only 11%! The goal is to double the tree cover in Macomb County and more than 40,000 plants were sold in the last two years.

- green.macombgov.org/Green-PlantSale: Information about the plant sale
- green.macombgov.org/Green-Home: Free resource cards and information about the impact and importance of tree cover
- If you're interested in flyers for your organizations, please email Emily.norton@macombgov.org and I will reach out to Gerry for copies!

7. Next Meeting – June 2019

