



Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2015

Present: **William Ehinger**-Mayor, City of West Branch, **Grange Bell**-Ogemaw Voice, **Ryan Veeder**-West Branch Township, **Elizabeth Kish**-Principal of St. Joseph School, **Dave Beck**-AuSable Valley CMH, **Diane Pelts**-AuSable Valley CMH, **Kevin Elliott**-Diebold Agency, **Julie Hock**-Diebold Agency, **Jennifer Raymond**-Ogemaw Commission on Aging, **Vivian Andrews RN**-WBRMC, **Mandi Chasey**-Ogemaw County EDC/Michigan Works, **Christi Neubecker**-State Farm Insurance, **Joe Bell**-Hartland Home Healthcare and Hospice, **Dennis Szagesh**, Ogemaw/Roscommon DHHS, **Brenda Simmons**-Ogemaw County Commissioner, **Denise Bryan**-Health Officer DHD2, **Kelly Saunders**-DHD2, **Tracey Wood**-DHD2, **Jane Wilmot**-DHD2

Next Meeting: May 28, 2015, 10:00 am, West Branch Regional Medical Center

Introductions

Round table introductions were made.

Denise Bryan, Health Officer for District Health Department No. 2, introduced herself to the group and spoke regarding her position at DHD2. She explained how the grant for Building Healthy Communities was obtained from MDHHS and an overview of the project.

Models of Health:

Tracey reviewed two Models of Health. The first model, The Traditional Model deals strictly with an individual, while the second model, the Social Determinants of Health Model, takes into account the environment in which the individual lives and works.

Review of County Health Rankings:

Denise provided a review of the statistics for the County. Alcohol impaired driving deaths are noticeably above the State average of 31% at 44%. A more comprehensive list of Ogemaw County statistics is attached.

Review of Community Health Needs Assessment:

Denise also provided to the group an overview of the 2014 Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by DHD2. Findings of the assessment include two Vision Areas which are 1) equal access to affordable health care and 2) the environment supporting healthy living for all residents.

Overview of the Project:

Tracey covered the three main phases of the project.

1. Data Collection
2. Data Analysis
3. Formulation of Strategic Plan

Overview of the Assessment Tools:

Five assessment tools will be utilized for the project. They include: 1) Community Coalition Assessment Tool, 2) Healthy Community Checklist, 3) Nutrition Environment Assessment Tool, 4) The Promoting Active Communities Assessment Tool and 5) Smoke-Free Community Assessment Tool. Copies were available for the group to review. The Assessment tools will address the health of the project in a variety of areas including Health policy, healthy environments, healthy work sights and many others.

Progress of Project:

Progress thus far includes identifying the targeted area, being West Branch Township. The Coalition has also been determined and the internal team is in place at District Health Department No. 2.

Review/Rationale for Target Area:

Due to constraints built in by the online assessments, one area of the county had to be selected. The target area is the most populous part of the County, and contains schools, large employers and the City of West Branch.

Next Steps:

The “Next Steps” will be to begin the assessment process, enter the gathered information, create the focus group questionnaire, conduct focus groups, begin the data analysis and report to the CHOICES network with all pertinent information.

Attachments:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- County Health Rankings



