Vermillion Parke County Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2020

**Attended:** Mindy Duckett, Antonia Sawyer, Sylvia Maixner, Larry Addison, Amanda Small, Mary Margaret Rhees, Kris Aninger, Kathy Clifford, Lori Bouslog, Gail Wright, Allison Finzel, Danny Wayne Beemer, Sara Bain, Muff Rennick

Lori Bouslog opened the meeting.

Introductions – welcoming new members

Notes from the last meeting attached to email. There were no corrections or additions.

Lori asked to consider others that should be included and email her. She will continue to add names to the email group.

**Proposed Working Groups/Next Steps for Coalition:**

Topics that came from listening sessions through Connections IN Health along with the SWOT Analysis helped determine these working groups

* Poverty-food insecurity
* Lack of Community Initiative
* Access to Care

**Food Insecurity:** Mindy Duckett & Allison Finzel

Pantries—List of pantries would be helpful

Farm Markets

Community Gardens

Look at possibly using Charity Tracker or Aunt Bertha Resources

Catholic Charities should also be part of this

**Connecting Healthcare:**

Help providers work together (make their collaboration even stronger)

Hospitals/home healthcare/hospice/service providers

Link on resource manual to info about chronic diseases

Add transportation and/or access to services

Agency on Aging update at next meeting

**Resource Manual:**

Sylvia Maixer involved in putting together a resource guide for veterans in Madison County—Military Supportive Communities Initiative

Elaine with LLC would like to be involved

Where will this be located online? Who will keep it updated?

Point of contacts need to stay up to date/info updated

Leadership Vermillion County created an online guide, perhaps build upon that

Large print is important

411 Vermillion Guide sent to Lori from Danny Wayne

**Other:**

**Physical Activity:**

This was suggested as an important component to health but it was pointed out that there are already local trail groups, regional trail groups and county park board groups. It was suggested that representatives from these groups that already serve on our coalition could give quarterly updates on the work they are doing and progress being made. Our coalition could support this work and help market opportunities for physical activity.

**Organization Updates:**

* Kris with UWWV is looking for contacts for Parke County to coordinate drug takeback events and sites. Gail will work to get her Parke County connections. They will be planning 2 events in both Parke and Vermillion Counties each of the next 3 years.
* Amanda Small with Prevent Child Abuse would like additional sites
* Sara Bain looking to start groups in both Vermillion and Parke Counties. Looking for locations for educational events and need help spreading the word for these events.

**Next Steps:**

Gail and Lori will put together a survey and send out at the beginning of 2021 to find out which working group everyone would like to participate in. The will also ask who else needs to be invited to join us in our work and if there are additional people in your organization that should be added to the contact list.

**Next Meeting:**

January 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am