



# HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

*of East Central Indiana*

Steering Committee Meeting

May 6, 2020, Noon

NOTES

**Attending:** Marta Moody, Cheri Brown, Heather Williams, Jordan Moss, Lindsey Cox, Lori Mathis, Dr. Lynn Witty, Megan O'Connor, Molly Hunt, Steve Anderson, Vicki Delzeith, John Disher.

**New Partners-** Beneficence Family Scholars, Children's Bureau

**Newsletter-** stay at home in April, repeated in May, helpful links, media messages coming in future.

**Workgroup activities:**

Physical Activity- brainstorming for April stay at home issue

Nutrition- brainstorming for May issue

Food Council- special program to connect funding partners to small food operations

Jay- Partnering with Sindy Haines, TPC; CHANGE TOOL

Blackford- meeting this Friday, promoting physical activity, gardens, farmers market, TPC

POSITIVELY BLACKFORD Stephen McCollum article about the HCA StoryWalk project on the Blackford Greenway- <https://positivelyblackford.com/step-write-up-to-story-walk/>

**All Partner Meeting-** Thursday June 11- Group moved to hold as a virtual offering. Will highlight:

BL Storywalk, Joining Forces in Jay, Food Council, 100,000 award, 3 county tobacco recognition.

**Updates**

Purdue Extension- Lindsey noted the Well Connected Communities grant was proceeding with a partnership with Josh Gruver and the Muncie Food Hub and talks with 2 local farmers to provide youth opportunities to plant, harvest and market produce for an entrepreneurial experience. Cheri noted the Food pantry in Hartford City has received a 20K grant, PE is working on a Growing Together project with Children's Bureau involving container gardens (salsa will be the final outcome). Cheri also spearheading a 'show us your mask' initiative in Blackford County. Molly working on a infographic about how to spot Health Fake News. Will share with John for dissemination when finished.

Tobacco- Lynn Witty described were weekly tobacco seminars zoom calls- <https://www.hlcmuncie.com/hlc-events?view=calendar&month=04-2020> ;

Jordan addressed recent fake news about Covid-19 and tobacco use and noted the Delaware County Tobacco Free Coalition Website has had a facelift- <https://tobaccofreedelco.org/> ;

Kyle discussed work in Blackford County around the STARS survey and property owner surveys, World No Tobacco Day and the youth led "voice" team.



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DC Wellness- No update

Other updates and announcements- Megan noted that the YMCA is still offering free group exercise programs and is exploring a virtual membership option, hope to open to public May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Heather noted that MAP is partnering with Next Muncie on a large scale community planning effort.

Adjourn- 1:05pm

No meeting in June.