



# HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

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## Blackford HCA Partner Meeting 7-26-19


- In Attendance: Lindsey Cox, Jordan Moss, John Disher, Elizabeth Witt, Jessica Pierson, Autumn Roach, Michelle Risinger, Minda Cottingim, Missy Wood, Cheri Brown. Via phone- Jim Ferguson.
- Tobacco Update – Jordan Moss is interviewing for the new tobacco coordinator position in Blackford County. Grant requires monthly meetings. Ideas for how to meet mandate by tagging on to existing meetings to lessen meeting load for participants.
- Greenway Trail Sign– Fred Hoffman, Jon Creek (Not able to attend)
  - Sign design/information gathering in the works (Laurynn design, Purdue Ext gathering info)
  - Who is sponsoring the signs? Do we need additional names/logos besides Purdue? Ex. Audubon Society, Native Plant Society (Jon Creek?)
  - Storybook signs- John says plans on track for installation in Sept., Michelle says first book is selected by Library.
- Blackford Master Trails Plan – Fred Hoffman (not able to attend)
  - Master Trails public input meeting moved to August, date TBD
  - Master Trails Steering Committee (preliminary alignments/design) progress meeting with Land Story July 30 @ 10am, Courthouse Annex
- Purdue Extension
  - County 4H Fair successfully completed! Mel and Jess moving projects to State Fair next Monday and Wednesday (July 29 & 31). State Fair is August 2-18, 2019.
  - Still looking for 4H Educator. Heard it may be change to asking for a Bachelor's Degree now instead of Master's. As of Wednesday 7/24, online listings still require Master's degree. Have had a couple applicants, but Purdue likes to have more.
- Growing Together Garden
  - 2 beds planted
  - Laurynn picked 2 small zucchini and a small eggplant, so things are starting to come on
  - Water source? Jim Ferguson said city was going to tap into hydrant, but reported via phone that is not going to happen. He has been transporting water and adding fertilizer.
  - Do we have volunteers checking the garden, CFS employees checking garden?
  - Still have funds available (ex. 2 beds still need soil)
- School Wellness Council/After School Initiative
  - Taking off this fall?
  - Tiffany Ickes Pauley (Southside Elementary School social worker), Ron Branson might know something?
- Food Access Initiative
  - Lindsey does not have any information about this
  - Mel Sieks (Hartford City Food Pantry)/Julie Glancy (CFS), Kathy Bantz (Montpelier mayor) might know something?
- Beautification/Community Center
  - Michelle noted 2 different committees working on this
  - Anything developed with vacant lots downtown? – public performance place is goal



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- Main Street Organization? Michelle noted that a grants agreement is needed, to accomplish this a historic preservation committee must be form, and city council must approve to that \$ can flow to redevelopment commission.
- Broadband Initiative- Cheri Brown reported that WATCH communication is working to secure vertical assets on grain legs. See picture below.
- Families at the Farmers Market – Matt Cox
  - Poor participation is resulting in cancellation of the program. IUH still wants to provide some sort of similar program, but how to reach audiences? Suggestions- Second Harvest Food Bank at Schools initiative, Head Start family meetings. TRIAD? Elijah Justice has produce setup at Clear Choice Chiropractics, FB live video from farmers market. Matt Cox will follow up.
- Aquaponics at IU Health/Ball Memorial – John Disher shared information about a possible growing system coming to the IUH Ball Hospital Campus in the future. Group expressed interest in a site visit to the Jeff Ginn Daleville facility.
- Time to Share-
  - Blackford Commuinity Foundation- opportunities to participate in Lilly Grant
  - Minda- outreach committee at Head Start needs community members, first meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about Health and Nutrition policy.



**Installation on a Grain Leg** | Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the physical space requirements?

A: We engineer each vertical asset to the exact needs of the location, so it is difficult to define a uniform space requirement at the top of a structure. All engineering is completed prior to the execution of a contract. This allows both parties to understand the specific antenna, cabling and mounting needs at the top of the structure and the cabinet and power needs at the ground.

Q: What are the contract requirements?

A: A typical contract employs a 3 or 5 year initial term and auto-renews for additional 3 year terms.

Q: What is in it for me?

A: Helping your neighbors get access to better broadband along with a trade account for your own personal use.

Q: Who do I contact?

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