



Advisory Committee
MidMichigan Medical Center – Gratiot
November 9, 2012

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Laurie Crawford	Lisa Cannon	Todd Furlong	Rex Hoyt
Wendy Currie	Kristin Traskie	Irene O’Boyle	Andrea Tabor
Shelly Buschle	Craig Zeese	Brittney Hengesbach	Marcus Cheatham
Bill Dilts	Andi Whitmore	Nicole Frost	Cheryl Thelen

Welcome and Introductions

The Advisory Committee members were welcomed. Marcus Cheatham, MMDHD Health Officer, provided an overview of the meeting’s agenda and expectations.

Gratiot County Health Summary

Rex Hoyt, MMDHD, provided a power point, which covered the development of the Community Profile, the survey results and the connection to the County’s Master Plan.

Collaborative Council

Wendy Currie, MMDHD Gratiot Branch Office Supervisor, described an initiative being considered by the Collaborative Council, involving a countywide health challenge. The challenge could be for individuals, agencies or the community as a whole. It could involve setting personal goals and reporting progress to others in order to encourage accountability. The Council is considering starting the time limited initiative after the first of the year, with a celebration at the end. More information will be forthcoming.

Small Group Exercise

The members met in three separate small groups to brainstorm ideas around the health priorities of: tobacco use/drugs and alcohol prevention, access to care, and obesity. Each group was asked to identify existing programs, community resources and potential strategies.

The results, along with additions from the Steering Committee meeting held on November 16th, are attached. (Priorities Summary).

Community Guide

Andrea Tabor, MMDHD, presented a power point covering the Community Guide, from the Health and Human Resources website. The site promotes comprehensive, evidence based services and policies that can be utilized in communities to promote health. This resource will aid Live Well Gratiot in decision making, time savings and identifying evidence practices that address the identified priorities. Utilizing the guide may aid in procuring funds to carry out specific initiatives. Brittney Hengesbach, MMDHD intern, demonstrated how to navigate the website, using tobacco use prevention as an example. It can be found at www.thecommunityguide.org

Next Steps

- Next Advisory Committee meeting:
Friday, January 11, 2013, Mid-Michigan Medical Center-Gratiot,
Wilcox Auditorium, 9:30-11:00 AM
- Use the Community Guide to identify evidence based strategies to support the chosen priorities of: tobacco, substance abuse, access to care and obesity.
- Address funding sources at the February 8th Advisory Committee meeting.