

Geauga County

Community Health Improvement Plan

Progress Report-back

2015-2017



Strategy #1: Increase access and awareness of mental health issues

Action Step Recommendations & Action Plan

Action Step Recommendations

To work toward **increasing access and awareness of mental health issues** the following actions steps are recommended:

1. Increase the number of health care providers who screen for depression during office visits
2. Increase early identification of mental health needs among youth
3. Increase community awareness and education of mental health issues and services
4. Increase the number of mental health care providers in Geauga County

Action Plan

Increase access and awareness of mental health issues		
Action Step	Responsible Person/ Agency	Timeline Progress
1. Increase the Number Health Care Providers Screening and Making Referrals for Depression During Office Visits		
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on the number of primary care, specialty care providers and OBGYNs that currently screen and make referrals for depression and/or mental health issues during office visits.</p>	<p>Vicki Clark (Ravenwood) and Jim Clements (Catholic Charities)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 Nothing to report • 3/19/15 – Vicki and Dan Mix created a project outline to send out to colleges and universities to find college student(s) interested in this project for their practicum or capstone projects • 4/16/2015 – Dan reported that he talked with Kent State University College of Public Health who feel they are confident they can find a student to complete this project. Dan will send the report to other universities if he can find contacts. • 5/21/2015 – Geauga County Health District has contracted with Christi Gigliotti, a Kent State public health graduate, to prepare and administer the baseline survey. Christi introduced herself at the meeting • 6/18/2015 – Christi Gigliotti reported that she is working on a introduction letter that will be mailed to physicians in advance of a survey; she is also working on a draft survey with Dan Mix; she inquired whether the group thought specialists should be surveyed – the consensus being to ask as many as possible because of lower response rates • 9/17/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the survey was completed and would be sent to medical providers in October; the staff is working with UH Geauga Medical Center’s Chief of Staff to promote participation in the survey; resource materials for referrals has been prepared; an outreach plan has been developed and will be piloted in October • 11/19/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the survey was ongoing

<p>Year 2: Introduce PHQ2 and PHQ9 to physicians' offices and hospital administration, along with education on how to bill for the screenings.</p> <p>Pilot the protocol with one primary care and one OBGYN physicians' office.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 - Dan Mix reported that an SBIRT training was held on January 7, 2016; 10 participants including Jim Adams, Vicki Clark, Melanie Blasko, Dennis Michelson, George Pogan, Matt Peterson, Dan Mix, Christie Gigliotti and two UH staff attended; participants received information on the evidence-base of SBIRT, how screening is conducted, tools that integrated, etc.; another training is scheduled on January 27, 2016; UH Geauga Medical will be scheduling an in-service SBIRT training in the near future 3/17/2016 – Christie Gigliotti reported that more SBIRT trainings will be scheduled in the near future and all Partnership members will be notified. OMHAS is working with UH Geauga Medical Center to schedule in-service trainings. Christie will also attempt another survey of physicians and health professionals with fewer questions. 5/19/16 – Dan Mix reported that Christie Gigliotti has redesigned the provider survey and has been reaching out to providers to raise interest in SBIRT training and use. Future training sessions will be scheduled. Jamie Fisher from Middlefield Care Center reported that as a result of the SBIT training, they were now using SBIRT model to screen for depression, mental health and substance abuse.
<p>Year 3: Increase the number of physician's offices using the PHQ2 screening tool and making referrals by 25% from baseline.</p>		<p>December 31, 2017</p>

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2. Increase Early Identification of Mental Health Needs Among Youth		
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on any mental health screening tools that are currently being used by Geauga County Schools.</p> <p>Introduce the Signs of Suicide (SOS) prevention program (or similar program) to school district administrators and wellness committees.</p> <p>Research tools for early elementary mental health screenings.</p>	<p>Deanna Brant (Ravenwood)</p> <p>Karen Lackey (Gauga ESC)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 Nothing to report 3/19/2015 Nothing to report 4/16/2015 Nothing to report 5/21/2015 Nothing to report; the committee discussed contacting the chairs and/or assigning to other individuals; Vicki Clark will contact Deanna to determine her future role; Joanne Randall will contact the Suicide Prevention Alliance programs Life Act to determine a possible role on the committee 6/19/2015 - Nothing to report 9/7/2015 – Nothing to report; Dan will ask Karen Lackey if she can provide this information from her current information from schools 11/19/2015 – Karen Lackey discussed the need for a holistic approach to

		mental health and substance abuse; Vicki Clark would look into an early identification tool that was mentioned during the meeting
<p>Year 2: Implement the SOS (or similar) prevention program in at least one school district.</p> <p>Begin implementing an early- elementary mental health screening tool in at least one Geauga County school district.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 – Karen Lackey reported she is investigating early screening tools for schools. Deena Brant suggested an inexpensive technique for schools was to put every students name on a chalk board (white board) and have teachers identify students that they had positive interactions with (such as talking) and all those students with three or less teachers might be considered “at risk.” Dennis Michelson reported that the Lake County Drug Court was using a service that provides trained peer coaches available 24x7 to enrolled individuals (approx. \$35 per month plus setup fees) 3/17/2016 – Karen Lackey reported that she met with Deanna Brant and identified several mental health screening tools currently used in schools. She will identify a single tool for all schools and attempt to implement it county-wide. Andrea Gupta reported that WomenSafe has hired an educator that will focus on dating and domestic violence and offer services to children still in school. Andrea offered to share education resources. 5/19/2016 – Andrea Gupta introduced Megan Bond, program coordinator at Women Safe. Megan provides face-to-face support in school settings.
<p>Year 3: Implement the SOS (or similar) prevention program in all school districts</p> <p>Double the number of schools that are implementing an early-elementary mental health screening tool.</p>		December 31, 2017

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3. Increase Community Awareness & Education of Mental Health Issues and Services		
<p>Year 1: Plan and implement a community awareness campaign that will help others recognize signs of suicide, depression and other mental health issues.</p> <p>Enlist the help of local newspapers to run stories on any new mental health data collected, along with available resources.</p> <p>Make United Way 2-1-1 the hub in Geauga County to serve as a resource for locating mental health services. Include information on which organizations offer free services, a sliding fee scale, and which insurance plans are accepted.</p> <p>Encourage all Geauga County agencies to have the 2-1-1 link on their website so</p>	<p>Jim Adams (MHB&RS) and Joanne Randall (United Way)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 - Joanne Randall reported that an icon for posting 211 on agency websites will be emailed to CHIP members; 211 has been identified by the CHIP committee as an important hub for referrals to mental health services in Geauga County 3/19/15 – United Way 211 gave a presentation on the 211 call center and demonstration on the http://www.geauga211.org website at the meeting to show the resources available to callers and website visitors. Questions regarding how calls are routed to 211 by three-digit area and three-digit

<p>there is place everyone goes to for information</p> <p>Create a presentation on available mental health services and present to Geauga County area churches, Rotary Clubs, Law Enforcement, Chamber of Commerce, City Councils, college students majoring in social work/mental health, etc.</p> <p>Offer trainings for Geauga County area churches, Rotary Clubs, Law Enforcement, Chamber of Commerce, City Councils, college students majoring in social work/mental health, etc.</p>		<p>central office codes, how resources and information is updated on a regular basis, and how UW 211 assists callers in a broader manner rather than simply answering a question or providing a telephone number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/16/2015 – Joanne Randall (and Jim Adams) recommended asking Dennis Michelson from NAMI to join the committee; Jim Adams is in the process of creating a strategy to raise awareness about resources in the county with a meeting with agency heads scheduled in June; United Way is taking over KidsFest and will be hosting it in August. This is a potential event to provide information on resources • 5/21/15 – Dennis Michelson, Geauga NAMI, outlined a program to increase awareness that included 1) contacting churches to add 211 to their bulletins; 2) updating a 40 minute presentation on dual diagnosis to include resources from the community; 3) marketing the presentation to church ministers and groups; 4) inquiring with local newspapers about a regular column that highlights mental health issues; 5) a ½ day seminar for medical professionals and civic organizations that outlines the problems and services in the community. • 6/18/2015 – Mary McKenna reported that LifeAct provides in-school education for depression; In 2014, 1,000 students in 48 classrooms in 6 school districts with a 7.8% referral rate. Jim Adams reported that the Board of Mental Health will be funding agencies for early education and prevention, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Geauga County Sheriff, and Family Pride. Dennis Michelson reported that he had given several presentations promoting the work of the CHIP and United Way 211, including Chester Rotary, Chief probation officers in Ohio, and Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ. Dennis also commented on the most important questions on many peoples mind – “What about legalized marijuana?” This is something that will need to be addressed proactively. 9/17/2015 – Jim Adams reported on the increases in funding to many of the programs that are funded by the Geauga County Board of Mental Health, such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Incredible Years, the senior adult program at various offices of the Department on Aging, Red Ribbon, outreach efforts at schools and CF Park. The Board of Mental Health has updated their website to increase access to resources and NAMI has updated the What’s Out There? Guide. The consensus of the Partnership is that this measure has completed its 1st year goals and members should begin to look at ways to increase resource allocation to UW 211 and spread the word about the mental health needs of residents every opportunity that they have to talk to groups, residents and the media • 11/19/2015 – Dennis Michelson reported ongoing community presentations to raise awareness; the Opiate Task Force is meeting less
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		often, has taken more of an educational and advocacy role, but if available at any time when needed or asked
<p>Year 2: Update 2-1-1 resources annually.</p> <p>Continue presentations on available mental health services to Geauga County groups</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 – Joanne Randall reported that the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and United Way were exploring the use of a marketing professional to create a plan to increase community awareness; Joanne is open to suggestions for such a marketing company; Partnership members recommended contacting colleges (Hiram and John Carroll); George Pogan recommended Business Advisors of Cleveland, a group of retired business executives looking to stay involved. 3/17/2016 – Joanne Randall introduced Betsy Covington as United Way’s new marketing staff member. Betsy will assist the Partnership by offering her experience in community engagement. Jim Adams reported that the Board of Mental Health is offering a community training in suicide prevention and opiate prevention and intervention. All members will be notified when the date is finalized. Jim also reported that there will be a panel discussion as a follow-up to the recovery-oriented system of care assessment to raise the visibility of services in the community that many did not know existed. 5/19/2016 – Joanne Randall circulated a sign-up sheet for members interested in joining a subcommittee to prioritize the needs and media that will be used to conduct a media campaign, such as Google search ads, social media, and print
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.</p>		December 31, 2017

Increase access and awareness of mental health issues		
Action Step	Responsible Person/ Agency	Timeline Progress
4. Increase the Number of Mental Health Care Professionals in Geauga County		
<p>Year 1: Develop a marketing strategy focused on recruiting mental health providers.</p> <p>Work with local universities and colleges for recruitment and placement.</p> <p>Gather baseline data on the use of telemedicine in Geauga County and neighboring areas.</p>	<p>Melanie Blasko (Lake-Geauga Recovery Center) and Jim Clements (Catholic Charities)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 – Jim Clements reported that an investigation into video therapy and telemedicine is underway with Lak-Geauga Recovery Services 2/19/15 – Melanie Blasko reported that Lake-Geauga and GCBMH&RS reach out to CWRU and JCU recruiting interns for vacant positions 2/19/15 – Blake Andres reported that DDC Clinic is looking at adding a mental health professional to its practice

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/16/2015 – many Geauga agencies continue to report shortages of mental health professionals • 5/21/2016 – Melanie Blasko and Vicki Clark discussed the continued challenges in filling positions in Geauga and statewide. Challenges include 1) LSW degree requires 4 years social work only; 2) LISW and LICDC are preferred degrees that require a Masters’ degree; 3) low pay scale for these fields; 4) limited number of universities offering social work degrees, including Youngstown State, Ursuline College, and Lakeland CC; 5) agencies do contact universities directly to post job opportunities Dawn Pilarczyk discussed the upcoming Geauga Growth Partnership career day; other members suggested contacting all high schools to get involved in their career days • 6/18/2015 – Melanie Blasko reported using more college job posting sites, which actually resulted in one hire from Kent State University. Melanie discussed the implications if Medicaid requires an LISW rather than LSW and the uncertainty that exists for the industry. The cost of Master’s education and the payback in salary is a concern. LISW’s may soon be calling the shots in salary because of demand. Angela Daugherty reported that Family Pride hired four previous interns. Brad Welch and Angela Daugherty will contact Kent State and other schools about educational programs; they will also contact high schools about career day opportunities • Brad Welch reported that he and Angela contacted their field advisors from Kent State University main branch to begin to identify a plan so we will continue to pursue this. • 11/19/2015 - Dennis Michelson suggested it is time to get programs for tuition repayment for counselors as a way to fills voids; several suggested ways include Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Medically-underserved Area (MUAs) designations, state or local sponsored tuition repayment as an employee benefit. Angela Daugherty reported that she and Brad Welch were in contact with Kent State University to plan an event for 2nd year students to expose them to employment opportunities and internships in Geauga County; internships seem to be a good way to get student interested in agency work
<p>Year 2: Begin implementing the mental health provider recruitment strategies.</p> <p>Develop a plan to increase the use of telemedicine by mental health providers. Pilot the program with one mental health care provider or clinic.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 – Angela Daugherty reported that she and Brad Welch had contacted Kent State University about giving a presentation to 2nd year students and expanding internship opportunities. Kent State University is sponsoring a job fair in February and the College of Public Health is sponsoring a career day in March • 3/17/2016 – Vicki Clark reported that Brad Welch attended a career day at Kent State University. Angie Daugherty reported that she met with the

		<p>KSU intern program director, who was unaware of the “redesign” of mental health service reimbursements that will affect the required licensure of mental health professionals, i.e. the need for more “individual: licensures (LISW vs LISW). The “redesign” will also affect reimbursement policies and reimbursement coding. Jim Adams expects there will be an overall contraction of reimbursable expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/19/2016 – Melanie Blasko reported that Medicaid reimbursement changes are looming for those agencies that employ social workers who do not have LISW credentials. Angie Daugherty reported that most of academia is unaware of the change of reimbursement credential and how it impacts students graduating from college. Matt Peterson echoed these sentiments about the lack of knowledge about the importance of internships during education. Melanie Blasko reported that push to reduce prison populations and treat offenders in the community could overwhelm existing resources.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Increase the number of mental health care providers/clinics using telemedicine by 10% from baseline.</p>		December 31, 2017

**Strategy #2: Increase awareness and treatment options for substance abuse
Action Step Recommendations & Action Plan**

Action Step Recommendations

To work toward increasing awareness and treatment options for substance abuse:

1. Increase awareness of available substance abuse programs and services
2. Increase awareness of risky behaviors and substance abuse trends for parents, guardians and community members
3. Implement evidence-based prevention programs in elementary, middle and high schools
4. Increase the number of health care providers screening for alcohol and drug abuse
5. Decrease exposure to second hand smoke
6. Implement a Community Based Comprehensive Program to Reduce Alcohol Abuse

Action Plan

Increase Awareness and Treatment Options for Substance Abuse		
Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline Progress
1. Increase Awareness of Available Substance Abuse Programs and Services		
<p>Year 1: Make United Way 2-1-1 the hub in Geauga County to serve as a resource for locating substance abuse treatment options. Include information on which organizations offer free services, a sliding fee scale, and which insurance plans are accepted.</p>	<p>Jim Adams (MHRSB) and Joanne Randall</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 – Joanne Randall reported that an icon for posting 211 on agency websites will be emailed to CHIP members; 211 has been identified by the CHIP committee as an important hub for referrals to

<p>Encourage all Geauga County agencies to have the 2-1-1 link on their website so there is place everyone goes to for information.</p> <p>Create a presentation on available substance abuse services and present to Geauga County area churches, Law Enforcement, Chamber of Commerce, City Councils, college students majoring in social work, etc.</p>	<p>(United Way)</p>	<p>ATOD services and treatment in Geauga County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 – Joanne Randall reported that she is scheduling a 211 presentation at the 3/19/15 CHIP meeting • 3/19/15 – United Way 211 gave a presentation on the 211 call center and demonstration on the http://www.geauga211.org website at the meeting to show the resources available to callers and website visitors. Questions regarding how calls are routed to 211 by three-digit area and three-digit central office codes, how resources and information is updated on a regular basis, and how UW 211 assists callers in a broader manner than simply answering a question. • 4/16/2015 – Joanne Randall (and Jim Adams) recommended asking Dennis Michelson from NAMI to join the committee; Jim Adams is in the process of creating a strategy to raise awareness about resources in the county with a meeting with agency heads scheduled in June; United Way is taking over KidsFest and will be hosting it in August. This is a potential event to provide information on resources • 5/21/15 – Joanne Randall reported that the awareness program will be tied to Dennis Michelson’s efforts in the mental health awareness program; United Way 211 is having publicity events at local retailers in June to raise awareness of UW 211 as a community resource; United Way is currently reviewing a funding opportunity that will be used to create a plan of evidence-based programs • 6/18/2015 – Dennis Michelson made community presentations to promote the CHIP work and 211. Jim Adams reported that Medicaid expansion and increased numbers of insured have freed up dollars that were once used to reimburse expenses, which has resulted in more clients serves for a longer period of time and for more services; the savings will be reinvested into other areas of need by the Board of Mental Health including wrap-around support such as housing, employment search, peer support and in-home crisis management • 9/17/2015 - The consensus of the Partnership is that this measure has completed its 1st year goals and members should begin to look at ways to increase resource allocation to UW 211 and spread the word about the substance abuse needs of residents every opportunity that they have to talk to groups, residents and the media Dan Mix reported that the Geauga County Health District will participate in the distribution of Project DAWN kits to first responders. The GCHD has obtained the necessary pharmaceutical license and will begin distributing as soon as the supplies are available • 11/19/2015 – Jim Adams reported that his department is close to preparing a report from a survey of over 100 respondents and several focus groups on recovery-oriented system of care; the final step to
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		preparing the report is a review by key informants
<p>Year 2: Update 2-1-1 resources annually.</p> <p>Continue presentations on available substance abuse services to Geauga County groups</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 – Joanne Randall reported that the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and United Way were exploring the use of a marketing professional to create a plan to increase community awareness; Joanne is open to suggestions for such a marketing company; Partnership members recommended contacting colleges (Hiram and John Carroll); George Pogan recommended Business Advisors of Cleveland, a group of retired business executives looking to stay involved. 3/17/2016 – Joanne Randall reiterated that United Way will offer assistance in developing a marketing program to raise awareness in the community for mental health and addiction services. 5/19/2016 – As mentioned in Strategy #1, Action # #, Joanne Randall circulated a sign-up sheet for members interested in joining a subcommittee to prioritize the needs and media that will be used to conduct a media campaign.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2 and expand outreach</p>		December 31, 2017

Increase Awareness and Treatment Options for Substance Abuse

Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline Progress
2. Increase Awareness of Risky Behaviors for Parents, Guardians and Community Members		
<p>Year 1: Plan a community awareness campaign to increase education and awareness of risky behaviors and substance abuse trends.</p> <p>Determine best ways to educate community and parents (social media, newspaper, school websites or newsletters, television, church bulletins, etc.)</p> <p>Collaborate with the Opiate Task Force.</p>	<p>Elaine Maro Matthew Petersen (Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers) and Andrea Gutka (WomenSafe)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 Elaine Maro reported funding issues have delayed progress; there are efforts to expand Drug-Free 24x7 activities in schools and is forming an activity committee 3/19/15 – working on determining a distribution method other than Drug-Free 24x7 committee; Andrea reported that WomenSafe continues to provide educational resources on healthy relationships and understanding dating violence in local schools. We do plan to grow in this area as well as look into providing additional resources on mentoring the youth currently residing in shelter as well as their parents. 4/16/2015 – Elaine Maro reported that <i>Parents 360</i> Ra, an education program for parents to increase the knowledge of substance abuse and increase confidence in their ability to speak with teens will take place on April 30, 2015 at TriPoint Medical Center (flyers were distributed). All committee members were encouraged to share the information in their practices 5/21/15 – Elaine Maro reported that the April 30 event has 0 attendees

		<p>but four professionals attended; Dennis Michelson and Elaine are working to get onto townships, schools, churches and civic groups agenda to present information – “Give me 15 minutes of your time.”</p> <p>Melanie Blasko reported that <i>Parents 360</i> in Lake has a Court-mandated attendance for parents and children in divorce cases; Geauga does not require attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/18/2015 – Elaine Maro reported that the Drug Free Alliance has provided proactive information on marijuana legalization; copies were shared with the group and discussed • 9/17/2015 – Matthew Petersen has replaced Elaine in the role as chair for this action step. Matt reviewed the current efforts and that his community contacts may be useful in advancing these efforts in the near future. • 11/19/2015 – Matthew Peterson reported that he is planning an event at the OSU Extension Office on the County Fairgrounds to develop a class
<p>Year 2: Plan awareness programs/workshops focusing on different “hot topics” and risky behavior trends.</p> <p>Attain media coverage for all programs/workshops</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 – Karen Lackey reported that Chardon LSH youth leadership was promoting the “Because I Said I Would” commitment and accountability program for students found here: http://becauseisaidiwould.com/about/. Andrea Gutka reported that WomenSafe has two new programs including and empowered parent program and a domestic violence support group for women. (copies were distributed to partners). Andrea also shared a pamphlet on abuse-free dating, which was emailed to the Partnership members • 3/17/2016 - Andrea Gukta reported that WomenSafe’s Empowered Parent program will address addiction and other risky behaviors for those residing in homes affected by domestic violence. • 5/19/2016 – No report
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.</p>		<p>December 31, 2017</p>

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Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline Progress
3. Implement Evidence-Based Prevention Programs in Elementary, Middle and High Schools		
<p>Year 1: Gather baseline data on which prevention programs are currently being implemented (in which districts and which grade levels).</p> <p>Explore evidence based prevention programs such as PAX Good Behavior Games, LifeSkills, and The Incredible Years.</p> <p>Decide which program(s) will be offered and are sustainable.</p>	<p>Vicki Clark (Ravenwood) and Jim Clements (Catholic Charities) Karen Lackey (Gauga ESC /</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 Incredible Years is currently in 15 daycares in Geauga; staus is unknown about other programs 2/19/15 – Dawn Damante reported that UH Geauga has a staff member working on LifeSkills training and UH works with DARE program officers; schools include Park Elementary, St. Helens, Ledgemont

	TPP/YLP Director)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/19/15 Vicki reported that Ravenwood is applying for funding from United Way and Cleveland Foundation to develop a strategic, coordinated, evidence based approach to prevention. Ravenwood is acting as a fiscal agent. The Educational Service Center is surveying Geauga schools to determine current prevention efforts. • 4/16/2014 – Vicki Clark reported by email that Ravenwood has applied for grants from United Way and Cleveland Foundation to create a prevention plan; Joanne reported that United Way funding decisions will be later this year; Melanie Blasko reported by email that Drug Free 24/7 committee completed a survey of prevention programs currently in local schools; Karen Lackey from Geauga Educational Service Center is working on developing a coordinated, strategic, evidence-based prevention program of services for all schools. Ravenwood would act as oversight agency 5/21/2015 – Vicki Clark reported that they are awaiting a funding decision from United Way after 6/5/15; the program will contract with Geauga ESC to identify evidence-based intervention for schools • 6/18/2015 – Vicki Clark reported they are awaiting a funding decision; Monica Thompson from United Way reported that the project did get funded by the Cleveland Foundation, which will allow the project to go forward. • 9/17/2015 – Karen Lackey reported that she had met with most of the agencies on the Partnership to identify current progress. Karen reported current plans were to organize prevention efforts to develop a common plan that could be used to integrate into schools. Cardinal LSD has already begun looking at improvements in their schools and are willing to pilot any program(s). Karen stressed the importance of developing a community impact approach that was not just school-based, but incorporated schools, community and law enforcement efforts to address mental health, alcohol and substance abuse issues. Karen reported that Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has a strategic planning effort to develop common strategies called SPIF. Geauga ESC now has a level 2 certified prevention specialist on staff. • 11/19/2015 – Karen Lackey reported that the information gathering is ongoing and there is discussion for developing a pilot program in the Cardinal Local School District
<p>Year 2: Introduce or re-introduce the evidence based program(s) to the school districts.</p> <p>Pilot any new programs in at least one district.</p> <p>Expand any current programming to other districts or grade levels.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 – Karen Lackey reported that most key informant interviews have been completed. It is clear there are many interventions available in Geauga County. Karen feels that a “menu of services” be developed for all the services. Cardinal LSD has a pilot program in development that will include 18 sessions and have an evaluation plan built into the

		<p>program. Karen is targeting a start in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/17/2016 – Karen Lackey reported that Cardinal LSD has agreed to run a pilot prevention program. Tim Kehres reported that Big Brothers Big Sisters is an evidence-based program that is currently in most schools and all communities in Geauga County. Participants are much less likely to have drug and alcohol problems and for every \$1 invested, there is a \$3.28 return savings to the community. • 5/19/2016 – Karen Lackey gave a presentation on the current status of her grant to identify existing programs within local school districts. Karen presented a proposed Hub Model that has primary funders at the center along with resident representation as an advisory board. The model is based around the primary goals of reducing substance abuse and improving youth emotional wellbeing /health / wellness. The model illustrated activities and programs that are key to achieving these goals, including resilience, family support, community connection and the school environment. <p>The feedback of Partnership members demonstrated support and appreciation for the work that has been accomplished. Suggestions for improvement moving forward to include the health component of the individuals which is highly integrated into overall wellbeing, to update the list of services, and to revise the letter to Superintendents.</p>
<p>Year 3: Expand programming to all districts</p>		<p>December 31, 2017</p>
<p>4. Increase the Number of Health Care Providers Screening for Alcohol and Drug Abuse</p>		
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on the number of emergency department, primary care and specialty care providers that currently screen for drug and alcohol abuse (and at what age they start screening).</p>	<p>Vicki Clark (Ravenwood) and Melanie Blasko (Lake-Geauga Recovery Center)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 Melanie and Dan will reach out to Kent State University College of Public Health for a potential student research project to collect this data and suggest an screening and referral plan • 3/19/15 – Melanie and Dan Mix created a project outline to send out to colleges and universities to find college student(s) interested in this project for their practicum or capstone projects • 4/16/2015 – Dan reported that he talked with Kent State University College of Public Health who feel they are confident they can find a student to complete this project. Dan will send the report to other universities if he can find contacts. • 5/21/15 – Dan Mix reported that Geauga County Health District has contracted a student intern to collect the baselines data and pilot an program to introduce providers to SBIRT; Intern Christi Gigliotti reported an outline of the plan and work-to-date, including establishing baseline data of providers that screen and tools used, develop a program that introduces ASSERT/SBIRT, and the possibility of a training program for providers in the application of the screening tools

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/18/2015 – Christi Gigliotti reported that she is working on a introduction letter that will be mailed to physicians in advance of a survey; she is also working on a draft survey with Dan Mix; she inquired whether the group thought specialists should be surveyed – the consensus being to ask as many as possible because of lower response rates; Christi also passed around an SBIRT step-by-step tool used for physician implementation and a brochure order form; brochures will be included in the advanced letter. SBIRT online training is available for about \$50. Jim Adams mentioned that it may prove less expensive to hire a trainer and bring them in for group training. Ji also recommended talking to other counties that have implemented SBIRT with great success • 9/17/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the survey was completed and would be sent to medical providers in October; the staff is working with UH Geauga Medical Center’s Chief of Staff to promote participation in the survey; resource materials for referrals has been prepared; an outreach plan has been developed and will be piloted in October; OMHAS has money to train providers in SBIRT and is working with Christie to tailor an education offering for busy medical providers • 11/19/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the survey was ongoing and that an SBIRT training to be conducted by Ohio MHAS is scheduled for 11/24/2015 and more could be scheduled in December
<p>Year 2: Introduce a screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment model (SBIRT) to physicians’ offices and hospital emergency departments. Pilot the model with one primary care physician’s office and hospital ER.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 - Dan Mix reported that an SBIRT training was held on January 7, 2016; 10 participants including Jim Adams, Vicki Clark, Melanie Blasko, Dennis Michelson, George Pogan, Matt Peterson, Dan Mix, Christie Gigliotti and two UH staff attended; participants received information on the evidence-base of SBIRT, how screening is conducted, tools that integrated, etc.; another training is scheduled on January 27, 2016; UH Geauga Medical will be scheduling an in-service SBIRT training in the near future • 3/17/2016 – The contact for SBIRT training by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is Ellen Augspurger, MAT; 614-644-8318; Ellen.Augspurger@mha.ohio.gov • 5/19/16 – As previously reported in Strategy #1 Action step #1 - Dan Mix reported that Christie Gigliotti has redesigned the provider survey and has been reaching out to providers to raise interest in SBIRT training and use. Future training sessions will be scheduled. Jamie Fisher from Middlefield Care Center reported that as a result of the SBIT training, they were now using SBIRT model to screen for depression, mental health and substance abuse.

Year 3: Increase the number of ER and primary care physicians using the SBIRT model by 25% from baseline.		December 31, 2017
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Increase Awareness and Treatment Options for Substance Abuse

Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline	Progress
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5. Decrease Exposure to Second Hand Smoke

<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on which organizations, multi-unit housing facilities, school and other businesses currently have tobacco-free policies.</p>	<p>Dan Mix (Geauga County Health District)</p> <p>Matt Petersen (Lake-Geauga Recovery Services, Inc.)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 Dan Mix will reach out to Kent State University College of Public Health for a potential student research project to collect this data and suggest model policy • 3/19/15 – Dan Mix created a project outline to send out to colleges and universities to find college student(s) interested in this project for their practicum or capstone projects • 4/16/2015 – Dan reported that he talked with Kent State University College of Public Health who feel they are confident they can find a student to complete this project. Dan will send the report to other universities if he can find contacts. • 5/21/15 – Dan Mix reported he is completing a grant application with the Ohio Dept. of Health to 1) partner with Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority to become smoke-free at their housing facilities; 2) raise awareness in the community for smoke-free policies and create/join a tobacco coalition; 3) work with private multi-unit housing to implement smoke-free housing. The grant application is due 5/29/15; Even without an award, at least we will have a plan to begin the work • 6/18/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the grant application was submitted; one of the first goals is to work with Geauga MHA to implement smoke-free policies; the next step is grassroots organizing to raise the awareness of smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing • 9/17/2015 – Dan reported no word on the ODH grant because ODH had extended the deadline to get more applicants • 11/19/2015 – Dan Mix reported that the lack of a health educator has precluded this project from going forward
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<p>Year 2: Create a presentation on model policies and present to Geauga County organizations, housing facilities, schools and businesses.</p> <p>Provide support and encouragement to implement smoke- free policies.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 – Dan Mix reported that Matt Peterson was working with the Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula Tobacco Coalition to secure funding and to implement a smoke-free housing policy at Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA). Dan has been in contact with the director of GMHA to explore implementing smoke-free housing at one facility. GMHA has been discussing this among its administration and the Board. The next
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		<p>step is to introduce materials to the Board and director, which will be done in conjunction with the Lake County General Health District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/17/2016 – Matt Petersen reported that LGRC has received grant funding to increase the number of multi-housing units that are smoke-free. Working with the Lake and Geauga County Departments, LGRC has reached an agreement with Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority to survey and educate residents at Harris House and Murray Manor in Chardon. Harris House was surveyed in February and will receive health education in March. Murray Manor will also be surveyed in March. LGRC will meet with the GMHA Board in April to discuss smoke-free policy options. The grant will also address exploration of community attitudes about smoke-free parks, county fairs and festivals, and public beaches, which will be measured by a survey of residents. • 3/17/2016 – Matt Petersen reported a lack of tobacco cessation services in Geauga County. Most people are referred to the Ohio Tobacco Quitline, which has NRT but lacks one-on-one or group therapy and coaching. Dawn Pilarczyk reported that UH Geauga had four staff currently receiving smoking cessation training and will be available in the near future. The program will have costs that are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and some private insurance. • 5/19/2016 – Matt Petersen reported that residents both Murray Manor and Harris House of GMHA have been surveyed regarding smoke-free housing and had both received some health education presentations. We are currently working to present to the GMHA Board for further action.
Year 3: Increase the number of businesses, organizations, schools and housing facilities that have adopted smoke-free policies by 25% from baseline.		December 31, 2017

Increase Awareness and Treatment Options for Substance Abuse

Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline	Progress
6. Implement a Community Based Comprehensive Program to Reduce Alcohol Abuse			
<p>Year 1: Research Community Trials Intervention to Reduce High-Risk Drinking program.</p> <p>Work with all area law enforcement agencies to determine which components would be feasible to implement.</p>	<p>Elaine Maro Matthew Petersen (Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers)</p>	December 31, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/19/15 - Elaine Maro reported a plan to implement responsible beverage training this Spring with a legal follow up to evaluate outcomes • 3/19/15 – Elaine reported that she is working with the Ohio Investigative Unit, Geauga County Sheriff and Chardon Police Department to conduct a Server/Clerk training in May, followed by a

		<p>compliance check during High School Prom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4/16/2014 – Elaine reported that there will be a clerk compliance trailing this summer followed by a compliance check by law enforcement; Mary Wynn- Peaspanen mentioned there may be grants for target events, like high school proms 5/21/15 – Elaine Maro reported difficulty getting police buy-in because of lack of funding support and time constraints by local law enforcement. Elaine will renew her efforts when school resumes in the fall 2015 6/18/2015 – Elaine Maro reported that a responsible beverage service training and compliance check will be conducted in the fall 2015 9/17/2015 – Matthew Petersen has replaced Elaine in the role as chair for this action step. Matt reported that planning for a server/clerk training would be resumed in the fall/winter of 2015 11/19/2015 – Matthew Petersen reported that he is waiting for information on alcohol servers in Geauga County from the Ohio Investigative Unit in order to make plans for a training
<p>Year 2: Implement the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sobriety checkpoints (working with law enforcement) Seller/server trainings (working with the Ohio Investigative Unit) Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign (educating parents on the laws for distributing alcohol to minors) Use zoning and municipal regulations to control alcohol outlet density 		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 - Nothing to report 3/17/2016 – a server training and compliance check is in planning stages 5/19/2016 – no report
<p>Year 3: Publicize results of efforts and expand strategies.</p>		<p>December 31, 2017</p>

Strategy #3: Increase Access to Care Action Step Recommendations & Action Plan

Action Step Recommendations

To work toward increasing **access to care**, the following actions steps are recommended:

1. Increase public transportation
2. Increase community education on health insurance opportunities and utilization
3. Increase patient success at home

Increase Access to Care

Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline Progress
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1. Increase Public Transportation

Year 1: Invite the new Transportation Director to sit on the committee.

Complete the Building the Fully Coordinated Transportation System Self - Assessment Tool for Communities with Geauga County stakeholders.

Cathy Whitright
(resident)
and
Dan Mix
(Gauga County
Health District)

December 31, 2015

- 2/19/15 – Dan Mix reported that the Geauga Transit director cancelled because of severe weather today; Bob Weisdack and Dan will attempt a face-to-face meeting to convey the needs of the committee
- 2/19/15 Blake Andres reported that DDC Clinic determined a bus was too expensive; they do reimburse/hire taxis on as as-needed basis
- 2/19/15 - Blake Andres suggested exploring alternative models, such as UBER; discussed the unregulated network of taxis for Amish in eastern townships
- 3/19/15 – Mike Kasper from Geauga Transit attended the meeting and answered key questions on the transit system and its limitation based on the type of federal grant and that of a rural transit system. Mike will chair a committee to conduct an assessment of transit system(s) in Geauga. Dan Mix, Jim Clements, Vicki Clark, Brad Welch, Karen Gakewski, Elbert and Catherine Whitright joined the subcommittee
- 4/16/2015 – Dan reported that names and contact information of the subcommittee had been shared with all members; Mike Kasper will find a “rural” transportation system assessment tool for the committee; Mike stressed the importance of getting decision-makers and funders behind any plans; Mike reported that Geauga Transit completes a report on “rides not given” for ODOT that he will share with the committee; Mike has met with Department on Aging to work on transportation issues and will be meeting with Geauga JFS.
There was some discussion about the disorganized and unregulated Amish taxi system with concerns for safety; There was also discussion on a “Uber” system in Geauga. Several members are going to look into availability
- 5/21/15 – no report; Mike Kasper is working to locate a needs assessment tool for rural transit systems
- 6/18/15 – no report
- 9/17/2015 – no report; Dan will contact Mike Kasper to advance the subcommittee; Toni Blake would like to join this subcommittee
- 11/19/2015 – Dan Mix reported that Mike Kasper, Joanne Randal and Monica met to discuss transportation needs. The next step is to develop a survey of social service agencies and private industry on the number and reasons for canceling appointments or missing work because of transportation issues. There will also need to be an inventory of assets in the County. The United Way income collaborative is also investigating transportation issues and solutions

Year 2: Invite additional community stakeholders to attend a meeting to

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<p>discuss transportation issues in Geauga County.</p> <p>Begin implementing strategies identified through the assessment tool and community surveys.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 - Dan Mix presented a draft survey that will be administered to agencies and employers in Geauga to capture information on transportation shortages and attempts to remove barriers. Monica at United Way is presenting the same survey to it income collaborative. Monic will explore using the Center for Community Solutions to perform the survey. In a recent survey of unmet needs in Geauga, the Center for Community Solutions found that transportation was an unmet need, especially for people that did not have the money to repair their automobiles. Dan also reported that Geauga Transit was making efforts to identify the reasons for denial of service and to reduce the denials, currently about 4% of all requests. Deena Brant reported that agency-owned vehicles may be too expensive to operate for most social service agencies. Andrea Gupta reported that some social service agencies in Lake schedule rides with LakeTran on behalf of their clients. There was a lot of discussion on moving forward with solutions rather than more surveys. • 3/17/2016 – Dan Mix reported that Dan, Kimm, Monica and Joanne of United Way met with the Center for Community Solutions to discuss a potential survey of client’s transportation barriers. The discussion led the group to decide that most agencies had designed a variety of transportation solutions that included hiring staff and purchasing vehicles, outsourcing to private drivers, and use of Geauga Transit. The committee agreed that we need to survey each agency to get an idea of the magnitude of their actions, the costs of the solutions and the sustainability of the solutions. Vicki Clark agreed that sustainability may be an issue for Ravenwood because of the high cost of having staff transport patients. George Pogan reported that transportation is a barrier in the Amish community with skyrocketing costs resulting in transportation costs greater than the medical costs they are being driven to. Don Rice from GBODD suggested that a solution might be the formation of a non-profit board that could be funded by the agencies affected by transportation issues. The non-profit could hire staff and purchase vehicles that could be scheduled in a more prudent manner. Jim Adams pointed out that Medicare and Medicaid managed care plans to provide for transportation costs, which could also be used to fund this non-profit. Jim reported that on any day, nearly 5,000 Geauga County residents cannot find transportation. • 3/17/2016 – Dan Mix reported that a recent unmet-needs assessment by United Way and the Center for Community Solutions suggested that lack of a car, money for gas and money for car repairs was a barrier in Geauga County. United Way is looking to local agencies to determine funding assistance for these unmet needs, such as the Geauga Community Action, Inc. Board, which provided emergency assistance to those within 125% of federal poverty level. Monica and the UW income collaborative are
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		<p>determining what other funding sources can be accessed for those with greater incomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/19/2016 – Dan Mix reported that several agencies are looking at ways to reduce the burden of transportation. Don Rice from Board of MRDD has contracted with Our Lady of the Wayside to provide transportation service to DD clients; there may be a possibility of expanding this service to others. GCA, Inc. has taken steps to provide transportation solutions to those within 125% of poverty level, including a car repair program, matching car loan program, Geauga Transit vouchers, and gas cards.
<p>Year 3: Fully implement the Geauga County Coordinated Transportation System.</p> <p>Facilitate follow-up surveys to gauge the public’s response to strategies that have been addressed.</p>		December 31, 2017

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2. Increase Community Education on Health Insurance Opportunities & Utilization																														
<p>Year 1: Utilize Federal Navigator grantees to provide an in-person resource for educating and enrolling community members in health insurance plans.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of using the new Area Office of Aging health kiosks.</p> <p>Explore opportunities for employees to become certified application counselors.</p> <p>Begin educating and enrolling consumers.</p> <p>Create a list of physicians that accept Medicaid products.</p>	<p>Joanne Randall (United Way) And Erwin Leffel (DAC)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 Ginny Pate from Carmella Rose Foundation as joined the CHIP committee; Ginny has many years assisting Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga and residents in navigating the healthcare system; Ginny reported that all Food Banks refer residents to Carmella Rose 2/19/15 Erwin Leffel reported visiting GC Library, Department on Aging, Health Department, WIC, JFS to share literature on Carmella Rose Foundation; the information is on Thompson Twp website 2/19/15 – Joanne Randall suggested the committee re-evaluate why there is a lack of interest in Medicaid enrollment in Geauga when so many agencies already make referrals and assist in signups; for this cycle, we may have been late getting the word out to the community 3/19/15 Ginny Pate reported there is a special enrollment period for ACA 3/15 to 4/20/15 to avoid IRS penalties. Medicaid enrollment through February (may be skewed because of Amish population) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Plan</th> <th>Enrolled</th> <th>Eligible</th> <th>Penetration</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Buckeye Community Health</td> <td>170</td> <td>1371</td> <td>12.40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caresource</td> <td>591</td> <td>1371</td> <td>43.11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc</td> <td>125</td> <td>1371</td> <td>9.12%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paramount Advantage</td> <td>119</td> <td>1371</td> <td>8.68%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Healthcare Comm Plan Ohio</td> <td>243</td> <td>1371</td> <td>17.72%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1248</td> <td></td> <td>91.03%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Plan	Enrolled	Eligible	Penetration	Buckeye Community Health	170	1371	12.40%	Caresource	591	1371	43.11%	Milina Healthcare of Ohio, Inc	125	1371	9.12%	Paramount Advantage	119	1371	8.68%	United Healthcare Comm Plan Ohio	243	1371	17.72%	Total	1248		91.03%
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Year 2: Increase number enrolled in health insurance plans by 5%		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2016 – the Partnership will contact Geauga JFS and Carmella Rose to get statistics on the number of Medicaid and ACA enrollees at the end of the first quarter 2016. There was considerable discussion on the lack of Medicaid providers in Geauga, such as dentists and psychiatric month-long wait lists. There is a significant gap in availability of care for Medicaid recipients. 3/17/2016 – Dan Mix reported that he will contact Jim Zock and Carmella Rose to get final enrollment numbers for Medicaid and the insurance marketplace as enrollment closed 3/15/16 5/19/2016 – no report
Year 3: Increase number enrolled in health insurance plans by 10%		December 31, 2017

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Action Step	Responsible Person/Agency	Timeline Progress
3. Increase Patient Success at Home		
<p>Year 1: Gather baseline data on local agencies and payers that provide patient home visit services and/or health worker positions.</p> <p>Provide certification trainings to become a CHW. Grants may be available at the state-level to provide scholarships.</p>	<p>Bob Weisdack (Health Department) Dawn Pilarczyk (UH Geauga Medical Center) George Pogan (Middlefield Medical Center)</p>	<p>December 31, 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/19/15 None of the members were available to report; UH will replace Julie Bogdan on the committee as she has moved to another UH hospital 3/19/15 – the subcommittee will be meeting on 4/8/15 4/16/2015 – the subcommittee met on 4/8; Dawn Pilarczyk has taken Julie Bogdan position at UG Geauga Medical Center and will be on this committee; the committee will be pursuing diabetes management program and mobile dental clinics in Geauga; the committee stressed the importance of health awareness, prevention and management; George briefly outlined the Amish newborn home visit program, which has been expanded to include children born at UH Geauga and hospitals in

		<p>Trumbull County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/21/15 - Dawn Pilarczyk reported that the subcommittee met again since the last CHIP meeting; 1) the committee is currently focused on the Amish community; 2) the Middlefield Care Center provided 20 newborn home visits for newly-delivered mothers from MCC and other hospitals; George estimated that for every \$1 invested there is a \$11 reduction in future medical costs; 3) the committee launched its diabetes management program for Amish adults on 5/6/15 with one attendee; participants get screenings provided by EMT and education by Dr. Tumbush; he next event is 6/3/15 and all MCC board members have been challenged to get five attendees; 3) the committee is working with Ronald McDonald House to schedule mobile dental care; the service requires a minimum of 30 patients and will provide cost-free for eligible or charge Medicaid-reimbursement rates to others; the service currently visits the DDC twice per year but the committee wants to expand the service <p>UH Geauga Medical Center has revised its pediatric care policy and will maintain longer observation periods rather than rapid transportation to UH Case Medical or Ahuja for high-risk deliveries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/18/2015 – George Pogan reported that the diabetes management program for Amish had 5 attendees in June; this is a 6-month trial that will be evaluated at completion; George also reported that the newborn visit program has prevented readmissions and improved success at home, saving at least \$90,000 in medical for the \$10,500 invested by the Middlefield Care Center; George also reported working with Geauga Health District and other stakeholder to prepare an application to designate eastern Geauga, NW Trumbull and SW Ashtabula as a medically-underserved area (an 18-month process) • 9/17/2015 – Dawn reported by email that the Amish diabetes management program will not continue past the 6-month trial. UH Geauga Medical held an Amish Health and Safety day in Windsor with 300 attendees. This included screening, health and safety education, and safety equipment, such as reflective clothing, markers for buggies and carts. George reported that the committee will continue to investigate ways to increase access to care for the Amish population, including dental care and the medically underserved community designation. George reiterated the challenges that Amish face including transportation and lack of prevention in the community. <p>George also reported presenting the CHIP progress to Chagrin Valley Rotary and the positive response. George will be scheduling more presentations. The PowerPoint was distributed to all Partnership members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/19/2015 – George Pogan reported that he presented to the Chardon Rotary on the work of the Partnership for a Health GEAUGA. Dawn
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		Pilarczyk reported that the trial Amish diabetes management program will transition to a community health event with more screenings and education. Dawn also reported that UH Geauga and Hiram College were working to establish a Community Health Worker training program where UH Geauga would provide the experiential environment
<p>Year 2: Collaborate with agencies that provide patient care to ensure patient success at home by connecting patients to care coordination services.</p>		<p>December 31, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21/2016 - George Pogan reported that he had given three presentations at Rotary Clubs with good reception. George is attempting to schedule with other Rotary Clubs and civic organizations. George would like to have some sort of hand out developed. • 3/17/2016 – Dawn Pilarczyk reported that UH Geauga Medical Center will be implementing a mobile integrated healthcare practice (MIHP) to address patient success at home after discharge. Modeled after a paramedicine program piloted at the Monroe (Ohio) Fire Department. The program is possible because of the community paramedicine and immunity revisions to ORC 4765. The program will use EMS/EMTs personnel to monitor patients for compliance to instructions and medications. This is expected to reduce emergency room visits and 911 calls. Chief Deputy Scott Hildenbrand reported that legislative changes in Ohio are allowing more emergency fire personnel to monitor patients at home, reducing the number of 911 calls and the stress on limited resources. This has been paying off in cities and can be implemented in Geauga as well. • 3/17/2016 – Dawn Pilarczyk reported that 8 students are enrolled in Hiram College Community Health Worker (CHW) program. After completion of classes they will need 120 hours of field work and will then be certified. • 3/17/2016 – George Pogan reported that welcome home visits for newborn and their mothers are within 48 hours of discharge. Nurses are examining the home environment and using photos and text to physicians to relay problems (such as rashes) reducing the cost of transportation, physician or emergency room visits. A cost benefit analysis suggests an \$18 return on every \$1 invested. • 5/19/2016 - Dawn Pilarczyk introduced Natalie Wells from UH Geauga Medical Center, who is now a certified tobacco treatment specialist and will be providing Smoking Cessation services and training through a grant. Education is available to business not schools as those are covered under a different grant program.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p>		<p>December 31, 2017</p>

Progress and Measuring Outcomes

The progress of meeting the local priorities will be monitored with measurable indicators identified by the *Partnership for a Healthy* GEAUGA. The individuals that are working on action steps will meet on an as needed basis. The full committee will meet monthly to report out the progress. The committee will form a plan to disseminate the Community Health Improvement Plan to the community. Action steps, responsible person/agency, and timelines will be reviewed at the end of each year by the committee. Edits and revisions will be made accordingly.

At certain points, the *Partnership for a Healthy* GEAUGA will evaluate the appropriateness of the action plan and/or the agency and partners that are assigned to each action step and make changes accordingly.

Geauga County will continue facilitating a Community Health Assessment every 3 years to collect and track data.

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