

Delaware Center for Health Innovation Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

MEETING INFORMATION

- Date: June 15, 1:00 pm
- Location: University of Delaware STAR Campus, Newark DE
- Next Meeting: July 20, 1:00 pm

MEETING NOTES

Agenda

- Recap and updates
- Launch of first Healthy Neighborhoods Local Council
- Evolving the Council's responsibilities
- Next steps

Updates since previous meeting

- Co-chair introduced Peggy Geisler as the DCHI Healthy Neighborhoods contract project director. Peggy was selected based on her distinctive experience leading community engagement, planning, and implementation with Sussex County Health Coalition. Several Committee members expressed support for the hiring, noting Peggy's leadership and experience
- Co-chair introduced 2 University of Delaware Summer Scholars who will support the Healthy Neighborhoods resource library development for wave 1 communities for the summer
- Committee received an update that DCHI has received commitments from the Sussex County Health Coalition and the Healthier Sussex County Task Force to form the first Healthy Neighborhood in West/Central Sussex. The West/Central Sussex Local Council plans to incorporate the leadership of the Sussex health systems into the existing Sussex County Health Coalition organization

Launch of first Healthy Neighborhoods Local Council

- Committee received a presentation on Sussex County Health Coalition (SCHC) including vision, mission, core values, governance structure, programs and impact. Peggy Geisler presented an example of SCHC designing and implementing the Behavioral Health Wellness Program across 5 school districts
- Co-chair noted the proven track record and high level of readiness of SCHC and asked for a non-binding vote to launch the West/Central Sussex Healthy Neighborhood through SCHC. The Committee voted unanimously to approve SCHC to lead the West/Central Sussex Healthy Neighborhood

Evolving the Council's responsibilities

- The Executive Director reminded the Committee of the need to develop a sustainable funding approach to support Healthy Neighborhoods
- The Committee recommended the Community should define a sustainability plan as part of the Healthy Neighborhood Operating Model and that the sustainability working group reconvene to develop a holistic approach to sustainable funding

Next Steps

- Committee to inform Board of West/Central Sussex Healthy Neighborhoods Local Council
- Committee to reconvene working group on sustainable funding
- DCHI to establish agenda and dates for Local Council meetings
- DCHI to finalize resource inventory materials for July Healthy Neighborhoods meeting
- DCHI staff to design resource library for wave 1 Neighborhoods over next 6 to 8 weeks