

EHHD/Tolland County
Community Transformation Meeting

Minutes

July 31, 2012

Meeting was held at the Nathan Hale School Library/Media Center, Coventry

8:30am – 10:00am

Attending: Vicki Fry, Mary Withey, Wendy Rubin, Ande Bloom, Rob Miller, Heather Freeman, Linda Painter, Melisa Luginbuhl, Gladys Morgan, Kate Durant, Liza Makuch, Sally Milius

The meeting opened at 8:30 with a welcome and introductions. As a follow-up to last month's meeting and the survey the group's name, vision, and mission were presented:

Name: EHHD /Tolland County Community Health Action Response Team (CHART)

Vision: Building Healthy Communities

Mission: Build a healthy community through policy, systems, and environmental change & health promotion programming; making the healthy choice the easy choice.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on the draft Community Health Needs Assessment with the following key comments, recommendations, and observations:

- Need to identify if there are farms using migrant workers in Tolland County; possibly check with the CHC regarding their migratory farm workers programs
- Should pull out student population from Mansfield if possible
- For graduation rates in each town, we should look at vo-tech programs to get better information about student success
- Criteria for computing graduation rates could vary between reports – some look at senior year to graduation others take the full 4 year approach
- Keep in mind that the physical fitness test parameters have become less stringent over the past few years – students have less success in physical fitness than the numbers indicate
- Include asthma rates
- Find out what the accepted standards for ED/hospitalization rates are
- Dig deeper at Hispanic hospitalization and ED rates compared to state rates
- Add more information on the YPLL chart
- Reference the Youth Risk Behavior surveys (tobacco)
- Utilize the Neilson marketing data provided to towns regarding purchases & preferences for food, TV, spectator sports, etc (Wendy Rubin)
- Use USDA report/data on access to food
- Use HUD transportation standard sustainability by census tract (Linda Painter)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am with a reminder that the August meeting will be held in Mansfield on August 28th.