*Improving Community Health through Planning and Partnerships*

Greene Community Health Assessment Council

Location: JABA Meeting Room

222 Main Street, Stanardsville, VA

February 22, 2016

Minutes

**Introductions/Attendees:**

Elizabeth Beasley (*Health Dept.)*

Darrell Estes *(VA DOV, Coffeewood Correctional Center*)

Paige Hornsby (*UVA Public Health Sciences*)

Charlotte Gilbert *(Volunteer)*

James Howard (*GDSS*)

Carroll Lawson (*Feeding Greene Inc.*)

Bill Martin (*Greene County B.O.S.*)

Wendy Mitchem *(Greene County Schools*)

Kevin Morris (*DSS*)

Jillian Regan (*Health Dept.*)

Dottie Scott (*JABA*)

Jenn Scott Smith (*OAR*)

Betty Sharp *(Blue Ridge PACE)*

Elaine Shinsky (Sentara *Martha Jefferson)*

Stephen Smith (*DOC Probation/Parole*)

Cynthia Ward (*Region Ten*)

Shannon Wright (*Region Ten*)

I. **What’s the Game Plan?** – *Elizabeth Beasley*

* Provided 18 month timeline and reviewed expectations of council participants, asked for Leadership Council agreement form signatures

II. **Visioning. What does a healthy community mean to you?**  – *Jackie Martin*

* Visited many places (schools, counties, after school programs) to ask everyone, *“What does a healthy community look like to you?”*
* We want everyone to have a voice – *What does a healthy community look like to you?*
* See attached Word Cloud for the group’s collective input

III. **Section I Data Follow Up & Discussion** – *Elizabeth Beasley*

* See attached presentation slides and for details
* Access: Ratio of health care and mental health care providers to the population was out of kilter

IV. **Section II Community Strengths and Risks** – *Jillian Regan*

* See attached presentation slides and data handout for details
* Housing: Denominator data is the total number of housing units in Greene Co.
  + Housing vacancy – double check the percentage (42%) from the Community Commons Report; suggestion - visit the Charlottesville Area Association for Realtors (visited CAARS website, but no info found about vacancies); did find Sperlings BestPlaces report for Greene (housing vacancy = 9.4%): <http://www.bestplaces.net/housing/county/virginia/greene>
  + Vacancy Defined as the percentage of housing units which are vacant (unoccupied). A housing unit is a house, apartment, mobile home or room occupied as separate living quarters.
* Homelessness: *Question* 🡪 *How does the Homeless Coalition define homelessness?* They utilize the HUD federal guidelines. Surveys are conducted at soup kitchens, emergency shelters, on the street and in encampments; help determine how many homeless people are unable to find adequate shelter and what their concerns and needs are.
  + Low-street level of homelessness in Greene; encounter persons who have temporary residence. In 2011-12, 2% of their total count were from Greene Co (Report: <http://tjach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Data-on-Local-Homelessness-11.pdf>).
  + No shelters in Greene Co.; but offenders usually stay in hotel for up to 6 months while they work
* Environmental Health Indicators : Water system fluoridation information online – (<https://nccd.cdc.gov/DOH_MWF/Default/Default.aspx>), search by state and county, then look for name of water system; For drinking water violations by water system, visit EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Information System (<http://www3.epa.gov/enviro/facts/sdwis/search.html>)

**III. Discussion** – What stands out to you? - *Elizabeth Beasley*

* Get local data for mental health in Greene —Shannon Burns can provide for Region Ten CSB
* Why compare Greene to Albemarle? Very different; is there a better comparison?
  + Jillian—cluster based on geography but can be changed, may be better to compare to Nelson
* Vacancy housing unit rate (42%) seems high
  + Note for ppt: the #s may seem wrong, don’t add up to 100—Jillian
* Homeless data in Greene, most seem to live with friends or family, not many requests for housing
  + Probation—many are homeless or become homeless soon after release from prison, but usually rectified
* Should consider adding long-term care data because it is a growing need

IV. **Greene CHA Representation on MAPP Leadership Council** – *Elizabeth*

* James Howard will represent Greene at Leadership Council
* Possibly Michelle Flynn, Bill Martin will try to connect and invite to attend Greene CHA

**Next Meeting: March 28, 2016, 10 a.m.**