*Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships*

Nelson IAC & Community Health Assessment Council

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

Nelson Center, 8445 Thomas Nelson Highway, Lovingston, VA 22949

**Our Vision**:

*Together we support equitable access to resources for a healthy, safe community.*

**Our Values**:

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| Accountability | Respect |
| Inclusivity | Teamwork |

# Meeting Attendees

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| Norm Holland | SARA |  |  |
| Jillian Regan | TJHD |  |  |
| Vanessa Hale | BRMC |  |  |
| Lynanne Gornto | TPC |  |  |
| Julie Dixon | TPC |  |  |
| Putnam Ivey | TJHD |  |  |
| Christine Golien | Nelson HD |  |  |
| Aaron Pannone | UVA DPHS |  |  |
| Jackie Martin | SMJH |  |  |
| Brian Cohen | JAUNT |  |  |
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**Welcome & Introductions**

1. SARA has seen an increase number of young people/children from Nelson recently. Is there a SARA group that meets here in Nelson? Gail Davies (Child Advocate) or Gleibys Gonzalez (Adult Advocate) may have been out to a group for female survivors in Nelson; not yet a group for family members.
2. JAUNT interested in hearing numbers in Nelson County how many clients found themselves without transportation and wanted it? #s on denial? Needs? A survey to gauge unmet need?
   1. Contact at BRMC that coordinates transportation.

**Forces of Change Summary –** *Jackie Martin*

1. One of four MAPP assessments; look at trends, factors, and events going on at a local, state, and/or national level and look for opportunities in those areas.
2. Assessment conducted at a Leadership Council meeting; one thing happening or might occur in future that would prevent us from reaching our vision of “together we support equitable access to resources for a healthy, safe community.
3. Four general categories: cultural diversity and cultural competence; access; economics; laws/policies. These areas could prevent us from reaching our vision if we don’t address them.

**Review Strategic Issues –** *Julie Dixon & Lynanne Gornto*

1. Are the issues identified at the last meeting strategic per MAPP guidelines? See handout: *Nelson County: Strategic Issues answer YES to these questions handout.*
2. One important question is “Can local public health system address it?” so some strategic issues may have a ‘?’ or ‘N’ listed. Local public health system is NOT just the health department but rather, the collective health system in the community which includes many community partners.
3. See handout: *Strategic Issues Priorities Identified at Locality CHA Meetings*

**Develop Potential Goals –** *Julie Dixon & Lynanne Gornto*

1. What goals would you identify for the strategic issues discussed at the last meeting?
2. Transportation biggest problem see with many of the health department patients; limited service and/or access to services. If had more transportation available, think it would help access to services and also other things such as recreational opportunities.
   1. JAUNT would like people to think of them as a public transportation system (not just a non-profit).
   2. Services depend on funding; only 19% of funding comes from rider-based fees. Degree of service limited only by amount of funding received from each jurisdiction.
   3. Very expensive to run a door-to-door ADA service.
   4. Need funding to set up new routes and also be invited to do so by the localities.
   5. BRMC has partnered with JAUNT for transportation for service including referrals to specialty care; currently use taxi services for single patients needing to go to the doctor in a critical timeframe.
   6. Also perhaps partnering with hospital systems and other providers – if patients are late to the appointment, they will cancel the appointment; patient disinclined to try again after effort and time trying to get to the appointment. Maybe working with providers and transit to make changes to the system?
   7. Also some opportunities in terms of awareness.
3. Mental Health & Substance Use
   1. Address mental health and substance use together.
   2. Don’t treat substance users as criminals; interested to know from police what main substances are utilized in Nelson?
   3. Substance abusers may avoid the health department, don’t typically go to the health department (government). Are there services that can be offered anonymously or so that they can receive care?
   4. BRMC has a behavioral health program in addition to primary care (integrated so others don’t necessarily know that going to the psychiatrist).
   5. Alcoholism: hard to be anonymous in Nelson County; lots of people prefer to be referred out to Charlottesville or Lynchburg including for AA/NA-type programs. So maybe public awareness of issues?
4. Aging
   1. Last meeting, talked about lack of nursing home/rehab facilities as well as helping to get people on the correct Medicare Plan.
   2. Nursing home absorbed to Albemarle; some people using transit to get to Charlottesville/Albemarle.
   3. Could you fund more transit routes to get people to surrounding facilities?
   4. What about telemedicine? BRMC has some equipment but it’s underutilized. Would patients go to BMRC for appointments or use the mobile clinic to take services out to clients?
5. Children and youth
   1. Early intervention, well-child visits (not currently provided at health dept), head start programs – awareness?
   2. What if there was a childcare center staffed by the elderly? Probably depends on the level of licensing. Perhaps check with JABA to learn more about the Shining Star preschool model?
6. Lack of Recreation
   1. Not biking/walking friendly; limited public recreation center; uninvolved youth – schools are a focal point for health and recreation with school nurses there.
   2. There are senior groups that meet here at the Nelson Center and in James River, Skylar, a local church, maybe Rockfish.
   3. Do local schools have programming currently in place or upcoming? Christine from health department to ask school contacts. More people would be involved if school used as the focal point.
7. Disparities in Access and Jobs not discussed

**Next Steps –** *Julie Dixon & Lynanne Gornto*

1. Next meeting moved up one week to Monday, November 14.
2. Vanessa Hale to change the room reservation; Putnam Ivey/Peggy Whitehead to send an email announcement to the Nelson IAC distribution list.

**Next Meeting:** November 14, 2016