*Improving Community Health through Planning and Partnerships*

Nelson Community Health Assessment Council

Nelson Center

8445 Thomas Nelson Highway, Lovingston, VA 22949

June 20, 2016

Minutes

**Introductions/Attendees:**

Elizabeth Beasley, *Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD)*

Bill Brent (American Red Cross of Central VA)

Randy Rodgers, *JABA*

Christine Kellum, *Nelson Health Dept.*

Morgan Lanier, *Region Ten CSB*

Dian McNaught, *MACAA*

Marilyn Pace, TJHD

Jillian Regan, TJHD

Betty Sharp, *Blue Ridge PACE*

Peggy Whitehead, *Blue Ridge Medical Center*

1. **Introductions & Welcome**

* Save the Date - August 17, 8:30 – 10:30 am, Leadership Council meeting, all are invited to attend. Stay tuned for more details and an official invitation coming soon.

**II. Community Themes and Strengths Update** *(facilitated by Elizabeth Beasley)*

* Over 270 responses from Nelson, will share final results in August

1. **Section III, Part 2 Data and Discussion** *(Facilitated by Jillian Regan)*

* **PowerPoint** and handout for more information available online
* Maternal Child Health: Infant Mortality - numbers will spike due in a bad year due to small numbers
  + Statewide initiative to decrease gap in racial disparity for infant mortality
* Youth Suicide- Are suicidal youth from particularly bad homes? No data on this information
* PQI clarification- This is the number of cases which could have been prevented from going to the hospital
  + How much of this data could be due to poverty? Lots of research connecting these health issues to poverty. Haven’t had a data source explicitly linking them here. More information at [www.tjhd.org](http://www.tjhd.org)
  + Hypertension and diabetes is improving- how much is due to the economy?

1. **Next Steps & Discussion** (*Facilitated by Elizabeth Beasley*)

What stood out?

* Racial disparities- program working with women and importance of following directions to prevent infant mortality, very “on-the-ground” approach.
* Safe Sleep program in Charlottesville provides education to prevent infant mortality. MACAA provides referrals to the program.
* Baby care program in Nelson Health Department helps mothers with children <2 years of age, which will most likely start taking referrals in July. Reaching “underground” of young mothers
* Region 10 offers Project Link, mission is to provide support services for pregnant women with substance abuse disorder. More attention on substance abuse than ever before
* Health department also offers family planning services

**Next Nelson CHA Council:** August 15, 2016, 2 – 3:30 PM, Nelson Center