**Community Health Improvement Process**

1. **What:**

* The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is facilitating a district-wide community health improvement process that should benefit Fluvanna county residents
* This initiative is made possible through partnerships with the local hospitals and Masters in Public Health Program at UVA.

1. **Why**
   * The Community Health Improvement Process will help identify local health issues or health care gaps that have yet to be addressed
   * It will help pool district-wide resources to affect change; not one agency’s responsibility
2. **Who**

We focus on community engagement, including the Local Public Health System, i.e.:

* Local government
* Schools
* Social Services
* Region Ten
* MACAA
* JABA
* JAUNT
* Parks and Recreation
* Fire/rescue
* ESL/Adult education
* Local health care providers
* VA Extension
* Housing

1. **How** 
   * We will hold community health assessment (CHA) meetings with councils in each PD10 locality to:
     + Present and discuss quantitative and qualitative data
     + Identify health priorities for that locality
   * We will bring results/priorities from each locality’s CHA to the district planning committee which will develop a district-wide Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
2. **When**
   * The Locality CHAs should meet monthly January through August ’16 (about 1-2 hours/meeting)
3. **Request**
   * + Let us know who else should be at the table
     + Think about who should represent this group for the district-wide CHIP committee (next meeting in March)

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