

## Notes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> PATH meeting World Café discussion

### Question 1

- a. Is there value in NRV health and human services people convening regularly?
  - a. There was overwhelming agreement that this was still needed
- b. If so, is PATH the best means to facilitate this?
  - a. People agreed on the value of PATH meetings, but there was discussion on how to avoid duplication of efforts with Healthy Roots, and a request for better understanding how PATH would fit in with Healthy Roots, and an overall understanding of what Healthy Roots is and how it functions
- c. If so, what should PATH's purpose be?
  - a. Sharing information/networking
  - b. Relationship building
  - c. Invite speakers
  - d. Think sessions
  - e. Advocacy
  - f. Link to legislators/candidates
  - g. Education
  - h. Provide letters of support
  - i. Work on special projects as needed as task forces/work groups [short term, responsive groups]
  - j. Continue helping administer CHA/CHIP
- d. What are some short and long term goals for PATH?

SHORT

  - a. More connection among PATH members
  - a. Increase diversity of PATH members
  - b. Work on the purposes above, implement shared goals
  - c. Work with other networks in the NRV to see exactly what network serves what role and how they all fit together, including Healthy Roots

LONG

  - d. Look for funding
  - e. Become a non-profit organization
  - f. Need for a grant writer to help PATH
  - g. Look more into Blue Zones and see how PATH could work towards helping the NRV becoming one
- e. What should PATH leadership look like?
  - a. Need at least a chair and co-chair, and a steering committee
  - b. Leadership should be from different sectors, more diversity on the leadership team
  - c. Need a liaison to Healthy Roots from PATH leadership
  - d. Health Department should continue being the backbone of PATH
  - e. Look for emergent leaders to bring on as PATH leaders
- f. Other

- a. Meet anywhere from 2 to 4 times a year- not more
- b. Alternate localities of meetings

## Question 2

- a. How does PATH connect with others beyond the health and human services sector?
  - a. Of note, there was discussion about if PATH should be strictly a Health and Human Services organization, especially if it associates with Healthy Roots- that covers other disciplines
  - b. Connect with others through Healthy Roots, and by inviting people to the PATH table
  - c. Conduct more outreach
  - d. Social media presence
- b. What are some missing partnerships?
  - a. Business sector
  - b. Need both hospital systems on board
  - c. Chambers
  - d. Universities
  - e. Workforce development/economic development
  - f. Schools
  - g. Women's Resource Center
  - h. Community safety
  - i. Churches
  - j. Elected officials
  - k. School nurses
  - l. Transportation
  - m. MH services
  - n. Prevention sector
  - o. Hispanic community
- c. How can PATH connect to other networks in the NRV?
  - a. PATH needs to better understand how it would fit under Healthy Roots, and how it could then coordinate with other networks.
- d. How does PATH fit in with Healthy Roots?
  - a. There is a role for PATH to fit in to Healthy Roots, but that needs to be better explained to PATH members. What would communication with Healthy Roots look like?

## Recommendations

- Ask a representative from Healthy Roots to do a short presentation at the next PATH meeting, including visuals, to better explain how PATH would fit in under Healthy Roots and what the benefit of the partnership would be for PATH
- Align with Healthy Roots as a subnetwork
- Select a new leadership/convener- Pam Ray (as representative of the Health Dept.) has volunteered to step up in a leadership role

- Once that leader is in place, figure out a regular meeting schedule and determine purpose/goals of PATH
- Figure out if PATH is a health/human services organization only, or if you want to reach out to the list of missing partners above.
  - Depending on answer, extend invitations to sectors outlined in the “missing partners” above.

### **Next step**

The PATH steering committee should reconvene to make final decisions on the future of PATH, taking into account the recommendations above. You should invite anyone who is interested in a leadership position to participate in this meeting.