

Community Health Assessment Progress Report
September 22, 2015

On March 30, 2015 we held the initial meeting of the Bullitt County Health Assessment Team (Lead Team) consisting of Andrea Renfrow, Elizabeth McGuire, and Cynthia Brown of the health department; Linda Belcher, State Representative; and Annabelle Pike Community Manager, Kentucky One Health. The purpose is to conduct a comprehensive community assessment using the MAPP model.

We established: (Phase 1)

- A regular meeting schedule. We will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9 A.M. here at the health department. You are invited to these meetings.
- An 18-month timeline to have the process completed and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) implemented.
- A plan to keep the public informed of the process and progress through news releases, websites, and newsletters.
- A method to invite the public to participate in all stages of the process through the news releases, website, and newsletters. In addition, we will send emails out to all who have previously participated in a part of the MAPP process in the form of reports of results at each step of the way.

On June 30, 2015, The Visioning Exercise was completed (Phase 2). Fifty-five partners from various community agencies, organizations, businesses, and governmental representatives along with a few “just a resident” met to brainstorm the following questions:

- What does a healthy community mean to you?
- What are important characteristics of a healthy community for all who work, learn, live, and play here?
- In your ideal community, what would you hear, see, taste, touch, and smell?
- What needs to be in place for us to work together effectively to achieve our vision?
- What are the key behaviors that will be necessary for the CHA/CHIP partners, the community and others in the next 5 years to achieve the vision?

You can still provide your answers to these questions by submitting them to contactBCHD@gmail.com.

Four community assessments taking place now (Phase 3).

- We have started gathering data for the Community Health Status assessment using University of Kentucky School of Public Health students.
- The Community Themes and Strengths Assessment survey tool has been developed and distribution to the public has begun. You can take this survey by going to www.bullittcountyhealthdept.org home page. If you chose to provide your name and contact information, you will be placed in a drawing for 4 gift cards.
- The Local Public Health Systems Assessment and the Forces of Change Assessments will be held on November 2, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Bullitt Central High School College & Career Center. Dr. Angela Carmen from the University of Kentucky will facilitate the process.

Please call Cynthia Brown at 502-955-5355 if you want to be involved in this Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) or want more information.