

11-18-2024 Initial WCCHCP Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Orrville City Mayor Matt Plybon, Orrville City School Superintendent Dr. Toth, Director of the Wayne County Mental Health Recovery Board Nicole Williams, University of Akron-Wayne Director of Regional Campuses Dr. Heather Howley, Orrville United Way Jenny McFarren, Rails to Trails Sue Corfman, Orrville City School District Barbara Lorson, Rittman City Schools Michelle DeAngelis, Waynedale Local School Jamie Cicconetti, Orrville Area Boys and Girls Club Josh Nolan, Wayne County Health Department Elesa Eaken.

Elesa led the meeting and opened the meeting with introductions at 9:08 am.

We discussed the grant details and the budget for the grant.

Questions about what SVI (Social Vulnerability Index) and HIZ (Health Improvement Zones) were and how they are computed were asked.

These are numbers published by the state that are configured by using the areas potential risk factors, such as poverty, racial/ethnic diversity, education levels, youth, elderly, vehicle access, English speaking, and housing. The closer the number is 1, the higher the area is considered to be at risk. Orrville ranked as high as .8136. Anything over .75 is deemed a HIZ. Other areas in Wayne County include Rittman, Dalton, Wooster, and Apple Creek. Apple Creek rating higher due to the Amish population which do not tend to have an education beyond 8th grade or the access to a vehicle.

Elesa explained that all items that need to be purchased for the grant over \$1000 must be purchased before the March 31, 2025 deadline. Therefore, we must work quickly on solidifying a park and the equipment we would like to purchase.

It was also discussed that permanent items are not permitted to be purchased with grant funding. Mayor Plybon stated that the city may be able to supplement some of these needs as they already have park improvements in their planning.

Discussed the partnership and what that will look like and the different potential dynamics of the partnership.

Questions were brought up about being involved if their facility is not located within the current community area of focus. It was explained that the amount of involvement is strictly up to the individuals. Outside individuals are still invited to participate to share information, ideas, and collaborative efforts.

A question was brought up about what meeting schedules will look like. It was explained that this up to the group as a whole.

The parks analysis was discussed and corrections were made.

Gaily park does have a camera installed that Elesa had not seen in the inspection process.

Elesa corrected that Orr park does have a dog park on the one side.

Additional soccer fields were discussed and usage of current fields in the area.

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PSE Assessment review and corrections

Page 8, it was noted that the transportation plan was for schools only and did not apply to the entirety of the community. Orrville does have a complete streets policy and Mayor Plybon stated he could supply that if needed. There is a pedestrian plan, but lacking a bike plan.

Page 10, question 6 was corrected to yes. Question 7, the fourth box was corrected and added.

Discussion of increasing bike friendly businesses was shared while discussing question 10.

Correction to change community gardens and Farmer's Market on page 14.

Page 17, question 6 was corrected to take off community gardens, and add Farm-to-institute, specifically Bauman orchards supplies to both Rittman and Orrville schools. Question 7 will be researched.

Page 18 question 11 was corrected to include Percy's Weekend backpack to Community Settings and for 12 check marks for the boxes 1 and 5.

Discussion was initiated to advertise and plan the next meeting that will involve the community members to complete the remaining portion of the PSE Assessment.

It was suggested to get an article into the OrrViews. They require articles to be submitted previous to Friday for upcoming publication. Elesa stated she will reach out to them this week.

It was decided that this meeting will be conducted on Thursday December 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Orrville area Boys and Girls Club.

Elesa will make a handout to distribute to the partners to share this with the community.

It was also brought up to Elesa that there is a typo in the survey poster. She will correct this and resend. She also stated that currently it is only available in English but it should be available in other languages within the next couple weeks.

The next partner meeting was scheduled for Monday January 13, 2025 from 9 am to 11 am.

Elesa thanked everyone and adjourned at 10:52 am.