



FACILITATOR

Sydney Raifsnider, Grant Coordinator, Huron County Public Health (HCPH)

PARTICIPANTS

1. Sydney Raifsnider, Huron County Public Health
2. Nicole Marks, Huron County Public Health
3. Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health
4. Kim Williams, City of Willard
5. Lynden Ramsey, Norwalk Parks and Recreation
6. David Ditz, Huron County Sheriff's Office
7. Rebecca Riley, Huron County Board of Developmental Diseases (TEAMS)
8. Jordan Schwochow, Huron County Sheriff's Office (TEAMS)

AGENDA

- ❖ **Introduction**
Sydney Bio/ Calendar
- ❖ **FY25 Project Updates**
- ❖ **FY26 CHC Grant Updates**
- ❖ 2026 Selected Projects- pending ODH approval
- ❖ **PSE Assessment Overview**
- ❖ **Nourishing Huron County Community Garden Update**
- ❖ **Huron County Fair 2025**
 - Garden Seeds
 - Heart Walk
 - Exercise Bingo
 - Healthy Eating/Active Living Community Feedback Board
 - Adult/Youth Health Survey Results
- ❖ **Group Sharing/Discussion:**
 - FY27 brainstorming
 - Feedback/ Discussion/ Upcoming schedule



MEETING MINUTES

The Huron County Creating Healthy Communities Committee met on June 10, 2025, in person and virtually for the Quarter 3 meeting. Sydney Raifsnider began the meeting promptly at 9:30AM. Sydney welcomed those in person in attendance as well as online; a total of 7 people were present.

CHC REVIEW

Sydney reviewed all information to participants via PPT. She introduced herself to all attendees as this was her first formal meeting. Sydney went over the CHC mission and vision statement for CHC and reviewed the upcoming 2025 schedule, as well as the 2026 application cycle.

2025 PROJECT REVIEW

❖ **Willard City Park Sustain**

The Willard City Park project is nearing completion. Sydney went on a site visit at the end of May to gather final photos. The mulch has yet to be laid down; Kim Williams, Willard Parks and Recreation, is hoping for later this summer.

❖ **Willard Kiddie Land Sustain**

The Willard Kiddie Land project has yet to break ground. Kim informed the group that they are hoping it will begin later in June or early July.

❖ **Willard Woodbine Park Sustain**

The Willard Woodbine Park project is coming together. Sydney informed the coalition team that this will be a sustain project for our 2026 fiscal year, as Willard was trying to focus on Kiddie Land and the overall City Park in 2025. All materials have been purchased as of May 2025, and we will focus on this project once the fiscal year 2026 calendar begins.

❖ **Greenwich Bicycle Infrastructure**

The Greenwich Bicycle Infrastructure project is hoping to wrap up by the end of summer. All materials have been ordered, minus the two hydration stations. Sydney informed the coalition that Bethany Bracken, HCPH, will be reaching out to the providing company on payment arrangements. Once the payment is made and receipts are in, they are hoping to start installation of all materials; crosswalk paint/ signage, concrete pads for bike racks, and the hydration stations.

❖ **North Fairfield Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry**

All equipment (carry-out carts, refrigerators, and SWAP materials) have been ordered and delivered to the food pantry. Sydney went on a site visit at the end of May to help set up the SWAP materials and take progress photos. She informed the group that she will go back to the pantry at the end of July or August for a final wrap up of the project.



2026 PROJECT REVIEW- PENDING ODH APPROVAL

❖ **Monroeville Pedestrian Infrastructure**

Sydney shared with the coalition team that all the 2026 projects are still pending ODH approval. Notice of Awards should be sent out on September 1st, 2025, for projects to be accepted.

Sydney reviewed the project workplan, as well as the objectives for this active living strategy. She let the coalition team know that they will need to find more support and data findings to share with ODH, as Monroeville has a low SVI index score of .1873; ODH usually encourages CHC projects to have a higher SVI index of .500 or higher. Sydney informed the Monroeville group of this, and the police chief sent her accident/ traffic data from the red light/ speed cameras on route 20. A small business owner on Main Street also sent Sydney a handwritten letter with her support for the project. Sydney sent these findings to Mike Sieminski (CHC Program Coordinator).

❖ **Willard Woodbine Park**

Sydney reviewed the project workplan, as well as the objectives for this active living strategy. She also shared with the coalition that Willard has an SVI of .8145.

❖ **Willard Community Garden Improvements**

Sydney reviewed the project workplan, as well as the objectives for this healthy eating strategy. She noted to the group that the community garden is already there (a CHC project from the past) but just needs some TLC and a fence around it to keep wildlife out.

PSE ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Sydney gave a rough overview of the PSE (Policy, Systems, Environmental Change Assessment and Planning Tool) that was started by Kayla who was previously the CHC Grant Coordinator. She also handed out print copies of the overview including, lists of all Huron County farmers markets, food pantries, blessing boxes, community gardens, and a dot map of all previous CHC project locations.

❖ **Healthy Eating Assessment All of Huron County**

There was a total of 6 responses from coalition member's last spring. The biggest findings from responses were:

❖ **No healthcare institutions offer produce prescriptions.**

❖ **There are no known county communities that have a local or regional food policy council, food security coalition, or similar entity.**

❖ **Community food pantries do not provide healthy food options through a client choice model- only North Fairfield provided this comment.**

❖ **Active Living Assessment Willard Area**

There was a 1 response from coalition member's last spring. The biggest findings from responses were:



- ❖ **Planning/ zoning commission- decision-making or advisory bodies that exist in Census Tract 9162 (Willard, Celeryville, and New Haven) for making decisions related to active living policies, plans, and infrastructures.**
- ❖ **There are inclusive playgrounds with adaptive equipment available in this community.**
- ❖ **Census tract 9162 has recreational or mixed-used trails in the community.**
- ❖ **Accessible public transportation is not available in all Census Tract communities.**
- ❖ **The Willard Book a Bike program could be revamped.**
- ❖ **Outspoken- local group of bicyclists that could aid in planning this.**
- ❖ **Waiting to get feedback on the Safe Routes to School funding- unknown if Willard area schools have applied for funding in the last 5 years.**

Sydney went over all these findings to the coalition team and asked for any comments or input on taking action from the PSE assessment results; finding gaps within the community on where projects are needed, adding new and exciting healthy offerings to communities, etc.- there were no further comments from the coalition.

NOURISHING HURON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATES

- ❖ Sydney informed the meeting team that she and the Community Programming Division planted the garden for the 2025 season in late May. Photos were shared with the group.

HURON COUNTY FAIR 2025

- ❖ The 2025 Huron County Fair will take place August 11-16th and the HCPH will have their usual building Monday-Friday. Sydney shared that CHC will have free gardening seeds available donated by the Cuyahoga County Public Health team, as well as Exercise Bingo, Heart Walk, and fun give-away prizes!
- ❖ Amy Palsa and the Bellevue Recreation Center donated 4 Jungle Junction tickets.
- ❖ Lynden Ramsey and the Norwalk Ernsthausen Recreation Center donated 2 gift certificates for the facility and 50 free day passes.
- ❖ A community feedback/idea board will be provided as well for future CHC projects.

GROUP SHARING/ DISCUSSION/ UPCOMING SCHEDULE

No significant comments were made at this time. Meeting adjourned approximately 10:19 AM.

Schedule Reminder-

Quarter 4 Coalition Meeting- September 9th 9:30-11am

All CHC Project Meeting in Columbus- September 23rd

Fiscal Year 2026 Projects Begin- October 1st