



FACILITATOR
Nicole Marks, Community Programs Division Director, Huron County Public Health (HCPH)
PARTICIPANTS
IN PERSON: 1. Nicole Marks, Huron County Public Health 2. Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health 3. Kamaria Wilson, Mercy Health 4. Kim Williams, City of Willard Via TEAMS: 5. Brad Kraft, Norwalk City Schools 6. Steve Beal (Designee), Huron County Senior Enrichment Services 7. Rebecca Riley, Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities



The Huron County Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in-person and through TEAMS for the 2025 Q2 Meeting. Nicole Marks began at 9:35 AM, welcoming the committee members.

CHC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Previous CHC Coordinator, Kayla Johnson, resigned effective February 20, 2025. The new CHC Coordinator, Sydney Raifsnider, will start with HCPH on April 28, 2025. In the interim, please contact Nicole Marks.

FY25 CHC Coalition Meetings: A coalition meeting invite has been sent out through Outlook for Q3-Q4 meetings:

- Q3 Coalition Meeting, June 10, 2025
- Q4 Coalition Meeting, September 9, 2025

The FY26 application release date has been delayed. HCPH will keep Coalition members up-to-date on the application process moving forward.

SUSTAINED PROJECTS

City of Willard Park (Slide) FY23: Kim Williams from the City of Willard updated that new slide was installed, and provided photos which were displayed on the screen.

City of Willard Kiddie Land (Spinner) FY24: Kim Williams from the City of Willard Parks and Rec provided an update on the Kiddie Land renovation project, which will feature a new inclusive spinner. All equipment has been received. Potential groundbreaking is expected in spring/summer of 2025, after the splash pad installation is complete.

FY25 PROJECTS

City of Willard Woodbine Park: Kim Williams from the City of Willard Parks and Rec provided an update on this project. The merry-go-round and picnic table were ordered. Next steps will be install once pieces are received, and deciding whether the remaining contract funds will be spent.

Greenwich Bike Infrastructure: Nicole Marks provided an update on this project. Bike racks and signage are ordered, and receipts have been received for all purchases. Hydration station will also be ordered.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry: Nicole Marks provided an update on this project. The refrigerators have been ordered and installed, the carry-out carts have been received, and the



SWAP system has been ordered. The next steps for this project will focus on implementation of the SWAP system, and creating a logo and signage.

HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING: POLICY, SYSTEMS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL (PSE) CHANGE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING TOOL

Nicole Marks provided an overview of the PSE Assessment and Planning tool. The Active Living assessment will be completed for census tracts 9162 and 9163 in Southwest Huron County. Partners were invited to participate in the assessment via SurveyMonkey, but only one response was received. The healthy eating assessment will be conducted for the entire county. Similarly, partners were invited to participate in the assessment via SurveyMonkey, but only six responses were received. Nicole reviewed the assessment questions with the members present and discussion followed surrounding the assessment questions.

FY26 PROJECT PROPOSALS

Woodbine Park was written into the FY25 grant as a multi-year project and will be carried on into FY26. The Huron County CHC Coalition will likely need to select two additional projects (one healthy eating and one healthy eating or active living), that can be anywhere in the county.

Project proposals received to date include the following:

- Woodbine Park, Willard – play structure – requesting \$20,000.00.
- Bike Share, Willard – additional electric bike, additional bike batteries, and bike repair station – requesting \$7,000.00.
- Community Garden, Willard – fencing – requesting \$15,000.00.
- Northside Park, Willard – slide – requesting \$10,000.00.

Next steps: A SurveyMonkey will be sent to the Coalition to vote on FY26 projects.

GROUP SHARING/DISCUSSION

Additional discussion followed regarding sourcing fruits and vegetables for Norwalk's summer food program. Nicole will reach out to Brad Kraft to set up a follow-up meeting to discuss further.