

Pitt Partners for Health

Date: April 8, 2020
Time: 8:30-10:00am
Location: Zoom

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Present	34 were in attendance	
Welcome	Robin opened our meeting. New attendees included Dan Slocovich from Love a Sea Turtle and fellow presenters	
Agenda Item	DISCUSSION / NOTES	ACTIONS
Public Health Week <i>(Catherine Nelson)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presented Public Health Week themes to the group: Monday: , Tuesday: Community, Wednesday:, Thursday: Galvanizing Climate ChangeComments were also made about the life changing grants allotted to the Health Department that helped Pitt County residentsRonita also mentioned that Public health plays many roles seen and unseen in the lives of everyone we know including ourselvesAmy added that the partnerships in Public Health are what make Public Health great in Pitt County and highlighted the new say Yes to the test program as the exampleDr. John Silvernail mentioned that his home county of 60,000 feels smaller than Pitt which is 3 times that size due to the interconnectedness which helps the health department tremendously	See comments from the chat on Facebook. Additional comments can be sent to Mary Hall at mpHall@vidanthhealth.com
Presentations	Discussions and notes	ACTIONS
Planting <i>(Joni Torres)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How to grow veggies this year for beginners includes a few key things Sun, potable water, andSplit plants in to cool and warm season for ultimate successFrost injury is possible if you plant warm season crops too early without protection like a row coverNew FREE app out developed by CES in Alabama and NCAT. This app shows you what you can plant based on where you are. Could help save plants from being ruined by frost if usedCrop rotation is important as well. This helps to decrease pests, disease, and spread nutrientsThe soil is important to growth as well. Ph of soil is important for root growth and nutrient availability. The soil is typically acidic in Pitt County. Soil tests are free April to November through CES Pitt County. Done online and submitted to Raleigh<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepare the sol by tilling, adding lime if needed, and adding organic matter such as compost or manure for organic plants. Some organic fertilizers can be boughtPlanting can be done via transplant or direct seed. Weeds can be controlled using organic matterDon't forget to harvest! Wait until proper maturity but it is important to encourage more fruit set. The best time is early in the day before warmth from the sun sets in.Pitt Partners will give away flower seeds later this afternoon at the Community Health Office -604 Medical Drive	Look for Joni's presentation in your email!

<p>Love a sea turtle <i>Daniel Slocovic</i> <i>(Intro by Jane Rose)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program started due to his daughters love of Sea Turtle • Mikayla Hall presented as an 11 year volunteer that taught the community and low income youth the importance of preservation as a way of giving back. Projects range from racial inequity to conservation • Gracie Graham has been with LAST for 5 years and leads the Earth Eco program which is a citizen based science program that provides a way to test and post water quality. Also involved is the “30 by 30” challenge which will decrease pollution in the ocean 30% by 2030 (or 3030?) • HEAL (Hands on Education, Advocacy and Leadership). This program addresses current social justice issues through diversity, hands on education, the Greenville Community Garden, recycled art project (upcycle materials), summer camps for at risk youth, fundraisers, Sponsor a Beehive, and youth leadership camp which teaches leadership skills • We STAND focuses on highlighting African American leaders and locations in our local history such as Sycamore Hill and Eppes Middle School. Also includes Digging for Diversity which allows community a platform to share their ideas and stories for empowerment. The most recent event was on MLK. Next event on April 24th will be a collective canvas painting to spell out “Racism isn’t getting worse, it’s getting filmed” • Better Bag Solution: Educating public about dangerous use of single use plastic bags. Program partners with several local organizations with future goals for policy implementation • The Environmental Group: (Technology Environment Awareness Change makers for Humanity) Plans to educate community and commissioners on using technology to keep trash out of the community which is a way of the future 	<p>Abbyyoon04@gmail.com is the contact for HEAL</p> <hr/> <p>April 24 Digging for Diversity</p>
<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Updates</p>	<p>ACTIONS</p>
<p>CHNA Update <i>(Amy Hattem and Catherine Nelson)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its time again for the CHNA as required by the IRS due to the Accountable Care Act. PCHD and Vidant have always worked together to produce one needs assessment • Focus groups not required this year BUT usually implemented in Pitt County as a way speak directly to groups that work closely with the community. • Dr. Greg Kearny with ECU is handling the data. He has added some optional questions for COVID and climate change • Final reports and presentations will be available to PPH, board of Health, and Board of Trustees • SOTCH report is done between the CHNA years but the report will notate that some work came to a stop due to COVID work 	<p>-Survey will be released soon. Contact Catherine Nelson or Amy Hattem if want the link to the survey on your website -Send Amy Reports of work done to help meet the goals of health priorities</p>

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COVID Update: Dr. John Silvernail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember to be COVID Smart• There has been a softening of vaccine across the board (pharmacy, megasite, and PCHD) with only 24% of people vaccinated• COVID uptick is following the normal pattern of Flu B in previous years. We have about 18-19 cases per day (1.5 cases per 1000) currently but REMEMBER that all cases are counted• 17,958 recoveries and a 0.5 percent fatality rate as of Tuesday. 3.3 percent positivity rate• “Say Yes to the COVID Test Program” is a state funded program that selected PCHD as the largest department this side of 95 and our history of receiving state funded grants. Goal is to distribute 40000 test kits to see if this helps decrease transmission in the homes of those cohabitating. These incidences cause COVID to spread before any symptoms are noticed or documented• Interviewed recently with National News. Episode will air next Monday and will highlight the work of PCHD	
Can we meet in person???	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silvernail says that Steering can do it but the whole partnership may be too high in number to meet indoors• If outdoors, meeting may be possible with sunlight and space. Risk would be decreased but not gone	Tiera.beale@vidanthealth.com
Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- See Trillium website for information on Medicaid Managed Care- Health Care Decisions day is coming up April 22nd- Shred Day April 30th *All info will be shared via email!		

Next Meeting: May 13th, 2021
Location TBD