

Pitt Partners for Health

Date: September 9th, 2021

Time: 8:30-10:00am

Location: Farmville Community Center

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Present	44 in attendance	
Welcome	Robin opened our meeting. New attendees included Mary Whitaker from Holy Temple Church, and Anne Huggins. Kelly Andrews from Pitt County. We welcome back Raj Jagad from our Healthy Lifestyles committee,	
Minutes	Minutes approved by Kahla Hall and seconded by Keith Letchworth	
Agenda Item	DISCUSSION / NOTES	ACTIONS
COVID Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third dose available now for those immunocompromised for Pfizer and Moderna at PCHD. Memo from White House says that clearance will start soon to offer a 3rd dose for all as long as it has been 8 mos. since fully vaccinated • 9/2/21 report: Locally there have been 1500 new cases over the last 14 days and 114 cumulative deaths total (6 possible new) • PCHD is doing vaccines today at Piggly Wiggly from 10am until 2p and on 9/24 • Vidant Greenville COVID Testing Site Hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: closed, Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m. 	Visit NC DHHS for updates https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard
Presentations from Partners	Points of Pride	ACTIONS
ENC Stop Human Trafficking (Melinda Sampson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pivoted all in person sessions to virtual and was able to reach 3,300 professionals and community members on how to stop human trafficking and • 7,500 reached each week with digital newsletter • New taskforce with other related orgs to tackle these very important public health issues. To help with your dollars join the fundraiser oct 22nd 	
Pitt County Community Schools and Rec (Alice Keen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved indoor programs to outside under the pavilion with 5-20 people per class • Senior games was still held with 240 participants in virtual and in socially distanced in person events • Host of KIP TRACK Trails the program has grown A LOT since the pandemic as people look to the park for a safe place to stay active 	
Pitt County Community Paramedic (Jim McArthur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won the award for ----- and thanked PPH for their continuous support • Michelle is sole paramedic who works hard to make sure community is supported and has access to care, medicines, and more • See video at ----- 	

Healthy Lives Healthy Choices (Valerine and Mary Whitaker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Temple Church began seed ministry • Hoping to start 1 acre garden this year • Continue to excel in healthy food pantry projects and interventions like WalkWise NC 	
PPH Mental Health (Keith Letchworth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 13,000 contacts with Share the Vibe collaboration with Safe Communities Coalition • Received \$10,000 in grants to aid in Mental Health first aid and have reached 100 professionals so far 	
PCHD (Angie Watson and Robin Tant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were able to provide diabetes education via telehealth after approval. Offered in person appts. on individual basis assisting an easing loneliness of more rural participants • The WIC program cross trained staff to assist with changing delivery methods of curbside pick-up, mobile WIC unit, and phone appointments • The building will be decorated to encourage kids to eat more fruits and veggies using a safari theme • Also were partner in home test kit distribution and Pilot study. 	Contact Robin Tant at PCHD for more information
Various Dieticians in Pitt County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDN's were pulled as essential staff during pandemic but still held telephone counseling, DM and Weight Management classes • Weekly articles submitted by Kathy Kolaska to provide tips on eating healthy during COVID • Provided research and info for addressing nutrition as a key component in recovery of sick patients in hospital 	
Tedi Bear Childrens Advocacy (Bonnie Jean Kuras)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was able to pivot and provide all trainings virtually (2,400) • Also able to partner with Darkness for Light and help them pivot to online trainings as well. • Bonnie Jean selected as Darkness to Light Speaker of the year nationally!! 	
Access to Care (Theresa Blount)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added BP machine to Moyewood and Council on Aging along with the Know it Control it Program to encourage used and provide support for high blood pressure 	
PCS (Gretchen Wilson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000's of meals served PCS kids and others each summer (22 locations). • 66 people were employed to help with this work • Meals are now free to each student in Pitt County and data says they are eating the food (11,000 lunches a day and 7,000 breakfasts) 	

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AmeriHealth Caritas (Amanda Sparling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Were able to host various drive through and virtual events to spread the word• Membership goal exceeded and more growth expected• Transitioning into Wellness Center Administrator role	
Lydia Best (Senior advocate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Senior Center and meal site 1118 W 5th street	Contact COA if you can give some time to help Meals on Wheels
Greenville Produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instrumental in providing food boxes to all of Pitt County during epidemic• Awarded grant to	
Raj Jagad	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in and published an EKG Study in addition to work with AMEXCAN and Stop Human Trafficking	
The Inoculated (Jim McArthur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video created to depict the power of vaccinations historically and present day• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEWqdnojoF4	
Announcements -Raj Jagad had an EPG event in Tarboro with AMEXCAN where health ed pamphlets were passed out -Melinda Sampson has webinars coming up Oct 13 at 2pm, Human Trafficking 101 Oct 7, Fundraiser Oct 22 nd . ENC.humantrafficking.org under “events” -COA has October Fest on October 9 th . Recruitment will take place for a Prevent Type 2 Diabetes Class which will be on Tuesdays from 12:30p to 1:30p -Angie Watson: Free Retina Screening Friday September 24 th with Prevent Blindness NC. Will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, etc. Anyone welcome. Contact Angie to Register -Gretchen: Still in need to dietetic nutrition -Connie Daniels Brown thanks everyone and especially Mary Hall, Tiera Beale, Kahla Hall and Lydia Best for help with being a healthy food pantry which has increased their numbers and overall health of church -Tiera is leaving Vidant Community Health Programs on Sept 17 th .		

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021

Location TBD