Healthy Ulster Council A Review of 2015 Progress

December 2015



We started with a new era of prevention.

"My goal is to make Ulster the healthiest county in New York."



County Executive Mike Hein

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We set priorities in our CHIP.

- 1. Prevent Chronic Diseases (focus on obesity)
- 2. Promote a Healthy and Safe Environment
- Promote Healthy Women, Infants and Children
- 4. Promote Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention
- Prevent HIV,STDs, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Healthcare Associated Infections

What Works for Health Inventory





Ulster County Department of Health Chronic Disease Prevention Council Resource Inventory/Survey

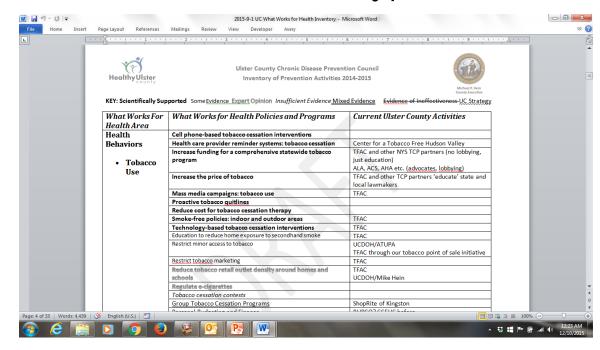
Please take a moment to tell us what you are doing to prevent chronic disease in Ulster County. What community sector(s) does your organization best represent (check as many as apply)? ☐ Private Sector/Business ☐ Faith-based ☐ Trade/Industry Association ☐ Health/Mental Health Care ☐ Government □ Non-traditional Healthcare/Wellness ☐ Education ☐ Community Coalition □ Individual Community Member □ Non-Profit □ Other: □ Transportation What geographic area does your organization serve (check as many as apply)? ☐ Local communities: ☐ Hudson Valley Region ☐ Ulster County □ National ☐ Multi-County: What populations do you serve with respect to chronic disease prevention services, programs, and initiatives? (Check all that apply.) Age Range: General Socio Special Needs: Gender (if applicable): □ Infants economic status: □ Yes ☐ Children □ Low □ No Ethnicity (if applicable): ☐ Teens ☐ Average If yes, describe ☐ Adults

□ Elderly

 Conducted a baseline survey to create an inventory of activities to prevent chronic disease already happening in Ulster County

What Works for Health Inventory

- We created an inventory that is continuously being updated.
- https://prezi.com/zqpq8mooo-ql/whatshappening-for-health-in-ulster-county/



We set up Healthy Ulster Council communications pathways.

Internal

- Email list directly from Kristen (70)
- Google Group: uccdpc@googlegroups.com

External

- Constant Contact List (over 500)
- Ulster County Human Services Listserv
- LinkedIn Group
- <u>Ulster County Health Department Facebook</u>

We learned about Collective Impact



- Collective impact is a structured approach to creating collaborative partnerships with a specific focus on working together to solve complex social and health problems that do not have a single, defined source or solution.
- Collective impact is the commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem.

5 Core Characteristics of Collective Impact Initiatives

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measurement Systems
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communication
- Backbone Support Organizations

We learned about Stages of Partnership - How do we get to collaboration?

Networking

• Organizations have a networking relationship when they exchange information in order to help each organization do a better job. Networking requires the least amount of commitment and time from organizations and can in itself have significant positive results.

Cooperation

• There is a low risk to member organizations and little chance of systems change. Participants can model best practices, test ideas, and convene problem-solving sessions.

Coordination

• There is low to moderate risk to member organizations and a better chance of systems change. It can push organizational boundaries and organizations engage in activities requiring greater mutual reliance.

Collaboration

• There is moderate to high risk to member organizations and the best chance of systems change. There are methods to resolve conflict and long-term system creation.

We learned about PSE Strategies - What are they?

- Policy
- Systems
- Environment

We changed our name, and we created a draft vision and a mission.

Vision

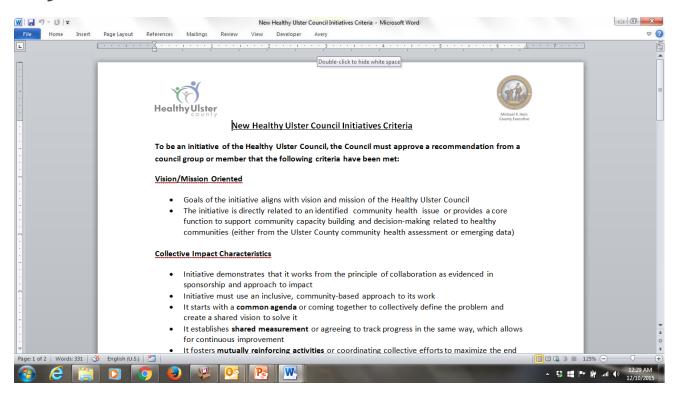
• A county where a strong culture of health supports healthy lifestyles for all people across socioeconomic differences.

Mission

• To strengthen collaboration between organizations working to promote wellness and prevent illness and improve health outcomes through collective action and projects.

We created criteria to be a Healthy Ulster County initiative.

- Vision/Mission Oriented
- Collective Impact Characteristics
- Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change and Evidence-Based Characteristics



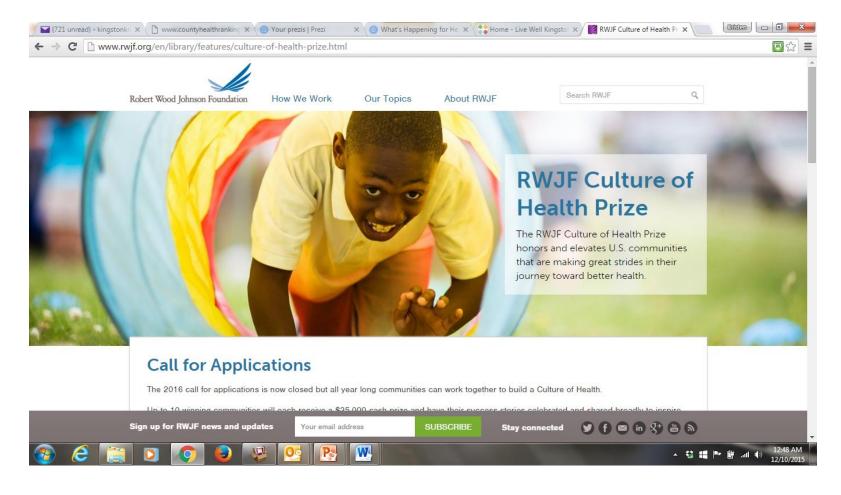
We practiced what we preached.

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 videos/873599232659243/?theater

We created three action groups

- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Family and Social Support
- Each group is developing an action plan for an initiative that will have collective impact and is a PSE change.

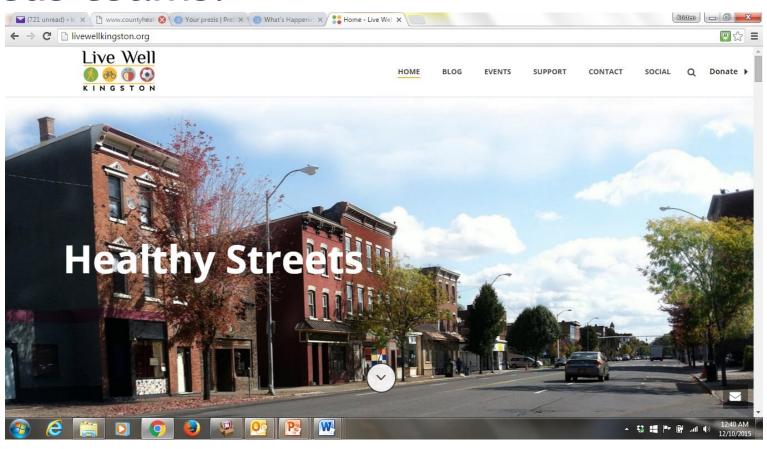
We applied for the RWJF Culture of Health Prize



We highlighted successful initiatives.



The Live Well Kingston coalition developed communications and its focus teams.



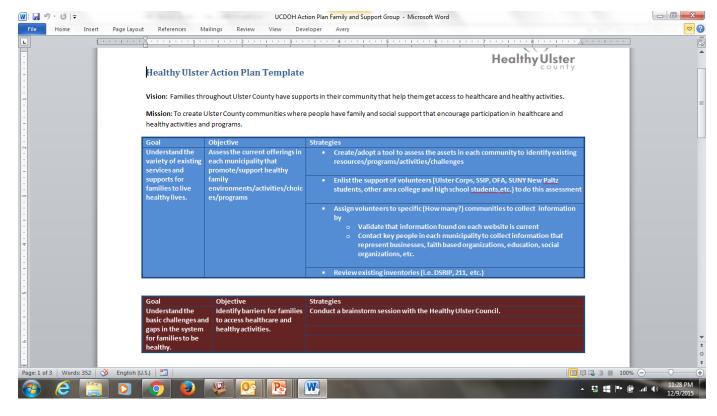
LWK Focus Teams grew.

- Travel Well
- Eat Well
- Age Well
- Play Well
- Heal Well



3 Year Strategic Plan

 We are working on a strategic plan to leverage resources, implement actions, and produce results.



Next Steps for 2016

- Continue to develop and begin implementing action plans.
- Showcase successful local initiatives.
- Step up communications for Healthy Ulster. #healthyulster #livewellkingston www.healthyulster.net
- www.livewellkingston.org

Next Steps for 2016

- Offer professional development for Healthy Ulster members
- Develop coalition operating documents
- Seek opportunities for members to apply for collective grant applications.
- Develop an evaluation plan for our collective work.
- Meet every two months, starting February 11th.

Meeting Schedule for 2016

- Mark your calendars!
- 2nd Thursday of the Month, 2-4 pm

February 11
April 14
June 9
August 11
October 13
December 8

Questions?

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 Vin will bring us up to speed with new data on Ulster County health.