

Agenda Item Number:

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 28, 2020

Agenda Item Subject: Biannual Advisory Board Report

Attachment(s): Biannual Advisory Board Report

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Beverly Scurry

Purpose:  Action  
 Information only  
 Information with possible action

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Summary Information:

The Board of Health identified action steps related to engagement in the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. One of these action steps is to receive biannual updates on actions of other Orange County advisory boards that relate to the BOH strategic plan priorities.

The summary provided contains BOH top priorities related information from various Orange County advisory boards from April 2020 to September 2020, as available from the boards.

This timeframe is unique in that many boards discussed COVID-19 related issues. Some of those issues were reported in the report as it related to social determinants, nutrition, or equity, but much of the conversations have been the same as the Board of Health and was not included in the report.

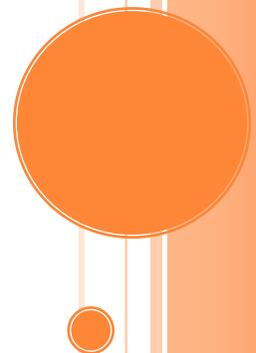
Recommended Action:  Approve  
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action  
 Approve & forward to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accept as information  
 Revise & schedule for future action  
 Other (detail):

# **ORANGE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SUMMARY**

**APRIL 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Board of Health Engagement*

Submitted October 28, 2020



# Biannual Report

## Board of Health Engagement

<b>BOARD</b>	<b>BOH PRIORITY</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
Orange County Schools Board of Education	Nutrition, Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The district's four priorities during the COVID-19 crisis include safety, food, learning and wholeness/wellness.</li> <li>• Discussion in August on reopening schools at the end of the semester and coordinating food pick up spots at multiple locations.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Incurring no new costs for salaries/benefits and bus usage/fuel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools Board of Education	Social Determinants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Office of Equity and Inclusion was created July1, 2019. The department is comprised of 2 elementary equity specialists, 1 middle school equity specialist, 1 high school equity specialist and 1 parent engagement specialist. The scope of work includes classroom equity audits, collaboration with the Equity Advisory Council, supporting school and district level leadership, providing professional development for all CHCCS staff, supporting affinity groups, Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate, Multicultural Student Achievement Network, and Youth Leadership Institute.</li> </ul>
DEAPR – Parks and REC Council	Physical Activity and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Lands Legacy Action Plan 2021-2024 (Parks/Public Open Space priorities) was presented to the board in August 2020. The Historic and Agricultural Boards as well as the Commission for the Environment will be making recommendations for this plan. Part of this plan includes finding land to build a park in Bingham Township. Another main priority is finding land easements to help fill segments of the Mountains to Sea Trail.</li> </ul>
Board of County Commissioners	Social Determinants of Health, Physical Activity, Substance Abuse & Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BOCC approved the transfer of funds from the Orange County Local Rent Supplement Program (Local Vouchers) to the Risk Mitigation and Housing Displacement Fund to provide flexible, much-needed financial assistance to low-income renters experiencing housing instability and also provided additional resources for Orange County's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• The Board voted to approve a Resolution Supporting the Decriminalization of Marijuana.</li> </ul>

Chapel Hill Town Council	Equity	<p>Only April and May meeting minutes available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council recommended a Police Advisory Board</li> </ul>
Carrboro Town Council	Social Determinants of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council passed resolutions that address increasing maximum grant for the Rental Assistance Program and supporting community organizations providing affordable housing assistance.</li> <li>• The town approves a Citizen Police Review Task Force to reform/transform policing</li> <li>• The town is now a member of GARE and is committed to continued funding of this initiative</li> </ul>
Hillsborough Board of Commissioners Regular Meetings	Social Determinants of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commissioners passed a resolution acknowledging the death of George Floyd. The Police Chief also provided an extensive presentation to the Commissioners outlining statistics, department data, and how the department is responding to community requests for safer policing.</li> <li>• The town is planning to create a community-driven task force on reimagining public safety.</li> </ul>
Transit Advisory Services/OCPT)	Social Determinants	<p>The Transit Advisory Services has only met in September and meeting minutes are not yet available.</p>
Healthy Carolinians of Orange County	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalized and released the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA)</li> <li>• Developed the 3 new priority areas, that were identified in the CHA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Health Behaviors</li> <li>b. Access to Care</li> <li>c. Health Equity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Has been meeting monthly with each group to determine goals and strategies that coincide with each priority area. The plan is to have action plans completed by the end of this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Health Behavior Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Result/Goal</b> - All children, adults and families in Orange County are healthy by way of collaborative promotion and development of resources and opportunities that help individuals and families identify, define and create healthy living habits for themselves and communities that they are a part of.</li> <li>ii. <b>Strategy Interest Area 1</b> – To look at alcohol/tobacco outlet density and determine what the density is in Orange County. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asking ourselves if our population exceeds the density that is currently present or not.</li> <li>2. The answer will help us determine is</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>policies/laws need to be created/altered/amended to ensure that no one (or more) area has a density that over powers a specific population/area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Also determine if there are outlets that are specific to or over powering communities of color.</li> </ol> <p>iii. <b>Strategy interest Area 2</b> – Looking at food deserts and ways to reduce them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine where the food deserts are; who is currently doing work around food deserts and access;</li> <li>2. Are there avenues/stores that can offer fresh produce and healthier options, that currently are not;</li> <li>3. Are their policies/laws that interfere with food access</li> <li>4. Educate the community on food and the history of food to help them make informed decisions and understand how food affects the overall quality of life</li> <li>5. Check in with the community to see if this is an interest for them and if this is of concern to them</li> </ol> <p>b. Access to Care Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Result/Goal</b> - All individuals receiving services in Orange County strive to obtain everything they need, with no limitations, as it pertains to accessing and receiving services such as: transportation, healthcare, prevention, as well as, intervention and treatment services</li> </ol> <p>c. Health Equity Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Result/Goal</b> - There are no barriers to health and wellbeing based on race and culture for anyone in Orange County.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashley was accepted into the RBA certification program, offered and paid for through NC DHHS, in partnership with NC AHEC.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To date – she has completed all of the study modules and has taken and passed the exam</li> <li>b. Before finalizing the certification, she is working on a RBA presentation and a sample action plan</li> <li>c. After completion, Ashley will be certified in RBA and will be an additional RBA instructor through NC AHEC</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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<b>Family Success Alliance</b>	Social Determinants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigator team completed Community Health Worker certificate program at Durham Tech.</li> <li>• Pandemic focus on family navigators working with families to meet basic needs: housing/rental assistance, utilities, and food. Coordination with other local government agencies and nonprofits to meet these needs. Also significant work with families and school district staff to support virtual learning for children. Assisted YMCA in promoting their scholastic learning centers in both Orange County school districts.</li> <li>• All FSA staff have worked closely on OCHD COVID response efforts including communications, health education, outreach and contact tracing, case monitoring and case investigation. Staff have worked up to 50% on these tasks.</li> <li>• FSA partner network continues to meet monthly with a current priority on meeting COVID-related family and community needs. Six partners received Rapid Response Funds from the United Way to meet these expanded and unexpected needs.</li> <li>• Completed end of year reporting for the United Way Changing Generations grant in July and conducted a virtual site visit with United Way staff in September.</li> <li>• FSA Advisory Council continues to meet quarterly to guide the work. Council elected Charolos Banks of CHCCS as chair for 2020-2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Justice Advisory Council – Jail/Mental Health Workgroup</b>	Substance Abuse & Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Familiar Faces group is working to create a consent form for participants and a Data Sharing Agreement between agencies to track participant contact with multiple agencies.</li> <li>• Jail psychiatry has continued during COVID-19. 113 people have been seen since November 2018 when residents began seeing jail detainees.</li> <li>• During COVID there have been fewer people in the jail, many of those coming out have gone to programs so the transitions have been smooth. A lack of housing is a big concern. With Community Empowerment Fund being closed and the Shelter not accepting new people, housing connections have been harder to make.</li> <li>• The Criminal Justice Resource Department will have a temporary position from July to December funded by the CARES Act to help those involved with the justice system make connections. This position will be located in the courthouse and will be available to help make connections for COVID-19 resources as well as mental health, domestic violence, housing, or other needs.</li> </ul>

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