KEY ISSUES

On October 18th, 29 participants met to review data on leading causes of death and discuss health issues of concern as well as local, state and national happenings that are impacting health in Pasco. Partner presentations were delivered on issues related to: homeless navigation; school health nursing needs; tobacco prevention; child abuse and neglect; C. Difficile; access; health& well-being; substance abuse and overdose; mental health; preparedness; chronic disease; and inclusion of people with disabilities. A list of issues for further discussion was developed.

- Access
- Access to parks, trails and green spaces within the County
- Adult substance abuse; drug overdose rates
- Antibiotic resistance
- C. difficile rates in our community
- Child abuse and neglect
- Collaborative voice of people with disabilities on issues of accessibility, inclusion, and health with local government and other entities.
- High Blood Pressure
- Human Trafficking
- Improving & maintaining overall well-being & health
- Infant mortality
- Mental Health
- Navigation Center for the homeless
- Needle exchange program
- Obesity
- School Nursing & Student Health - The Challenges
- Sepsis
- Tobacco Use and Exposure to Secondhand Smoke

On November 9th, 2016, approximately 26 community health partners (hospital administrators, county health department employees, non-profit employees) met to discuss relevant public health issues and their effect on the community. The issues previously identified and discussed were: infectious diseases and related issues, overall health and well-being, health needs of vulnerable populations, access to health care services, family welfare, tobacco use, human trafficking, mental health, and adult substance abuse and drug overdose. At the meeting, the attendees were invited to participate in a survey that would rank the community impact of a set of public health issues and the feasibility of bringing about positive change regarding said issues on a 1 to 5 scale. The results of the survey are displayed below:
The original findings resulted in all 9 categories being placed in the “High Impact/High Feasibility” category; therefore, we separated that quadrant into four smaller quadrants that would better illustrate the observed differences among the listed public health issues. Overall health and well-being (3.9 impact, 4.0 feasibility) was the only public health issue to be categorized as “Higher Impact/Higher Feasibility” according to our new delineation. Issues that were classified as “Higher Impact/Lower Feasibility” included adult substance abuse and drug overdose (4.3 impact, 3.4 feasibility), mental health (4.4 impact, 3.3 feasibility), and family welfare (4.2 impact, 3.6 feasibility). Issues that were classified as “Lower Impact/Lower Feasibility” included health needs of vulnerable populations (3.5 impact, 3.2 feasibility), infectious disease and related issues (3.2 impact, 3.2 feasibility), access to health care services (3.7 impact, 2.9 feasibility), tobacco use (3.6 impact, 2.9 feasibility), and human trafficking (3.0 impact, 2.8 feasibility).

**Prioritizing and Selecting Strategic Issues**

The next step in the process was to prioritize the issues based on contribution of fake funds. Each participant had $40 of fake funds to spend. There was no limit to the amount of funds the participant could contribute to a priority. The issues of overall health and well-being and access to health care services received the same amount of funds.

1. Overall health and well-being
   - Access to parks, trail, green space
   - High Blood Pressure
   - Obesity
   - Student health
2. Access to health care services
   - VA falling through cracks
   - Health professional shortages in schools
   - Health needs of vulnerable populations
Accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities
Special needs during disasters and public health emergencies

3. Family Welfare
   Infant mortality
   Child abuse and neglect
   Homelessness

4. Adult substance abuse and drug overdose
5. Mental health
6. Infectious disease and related issues
7. Tobacco Use
8. Human trafficking

The next meeting will consider information collected to help narrow the list of priorities to be addressed first in order to develop action plans. The group will continue to meet and work on a Community Health Improvement Plan and coordinating local efforts for a greater collective impact.

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