Feasibility and Impact

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

It was suggested that more information regarding current community actions be collected to determine the next steps. An attempt will be made to collect current action plans from existing groups that may be addressing the identified issues. The next meeting will consider information collected to help narrow the list of priorities to be addressed first. Additional information can be found at [http://pasco.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/collective-impact/index.html](http://pasco.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/collective-impact/index.html)