

Attending: Jarred Burke (School Superintendent), Cindy Chicker (Hospital), Marcia Carlson (Hospital), Monica Maronvich (RMC), Chelsea (Extension) served as Chair
County: Marianne, Betsy and Sheri

Meeting objectives

Objective #1: To clarify roles and responsibilities Richland FIT advisory and oversight of strategies

Objective #2: To set direction for 2016-17 and review work plan

Agenda

1. Introductions-Chelsea W.

Most people were familiar, Jarrod, who is relatively new, asked for introductions

2. Approve minutes March 31st-all
3. Brief summary of results from November '15 meeting-Chelsea W.

Chelsea shared information about the last meeting that we had with a larger group to discuss the future of Richland FIT. She shared the results of polls that the group had taken. The group felt that resources were important but were concerned that communication needed to be strengthened and continued. Question on the future – felt that more recruitment of members was needed but lack of clarity of what roles members could play. No one chose that Richland FIT should not continue. Only a couple felt that the current membership was sufficient. [PDF of full results from Chelsea will be attached]

Steering Committee/Coalition roles and responsibilities discussion-all

Handout-Richland FIT organizational chart

Chelsea went over handout provided and shared information about the steering committee (this group) vs. coalition (larger group). Full discussion from group followed – Talked about the ebb and flow of the coalition due to project focus and coordinator time. 2015 did not see many meetings, instead time went to gardening group.

4. Results—2016 “Data Party”-Sheri S.
 - Handout-objectives review
 - Handout-2016-17 work plan

Discussion coalition vs partnership vs network.

Jarrod wants to consider coalition that could really help him do something with Stori Field that they can't do on their own- he would like resources to turn it into a community garden and green space.

Cindy discussed how the neighborhood is really supportive of having good green space. Monica agreed that it would be good to build on this.

Next step? Chelsea felt that we should have some decision made by the coalition meeting in May. Cindy believes that we should move forward with coalition concept, to bring people in and to build on the successes. Marianne is concerned that we need someone to agree to do the administrative, day-to-day operations of the coalition such as that Dana kept the balls in the air for the first few years of Richland FIT. Chelsea would not want to have both a steering committee and a coalition. Sheri agreed. Jarrod mentioned we need funding to have a position to keep it going. Cindy remembered that we had some periods of being disjointed and not having the coordination. Marsha felt that coalition would be important for activities to happen.

Monica discussed what we could do to really make the coalition happen. Marsha asked who is on the coalition now, but we don't really have a good list. Betsy had questions about looking at the “partner” list and then individuals –how would we ask folks to take on pieces of the point-of-purchase campaign. Cindy suggested having clear action steps.

Sheri asked if the coalition was going to just ask for help with our objectives or if they would have autonomy beyond those objectives. Cindy felt that the coalition was really to help us ACT, and get the objectives done.

Jarrold asked if the original grant was written to do objectives, and to purpose was to have a coalition help achieve those, but if we want to move forward then we need a different coalition.

Marsha suggested both – ask people to help with current and then decide on the future.

Marianne asks – still want to discuss more specifically what does the coalition do in the future?

Jarrold brings up that this is an opportunity – where we go with it. He feels that Richland FIT has a real name recognition in the community and is seen as a strong program. Steering committee can help with vision.

We definitely need to complete the objective of the grant. But for the future, we discussed going back to the original strategic plan and deciding on the next phase.

Summary: next coalition meeting –

- go over workplan with coalition and ask for their assistance in contributing to the objectives
- Betsy does POP
- Gretchen does F2S
- set up next meeting in June to discuss ideas for future direction (Jarrod) – this will need to include discussion of who will take responsibility, aka Betsy's position now
- advertise and ask for RSVP to provide lunch

Also discussed connection with Southwest Partners and Betsy will have a meeting to discuss duplication.

5. Full coalition meets May 3rd at noon-clarify who and agenda discussion-all
6. Next meeting date for Steering Committee-all