



## Morristown United for Healthy Living

December 19, 2016, 5:30pm- 7:30pm, St. Margaret's Catholic Church



### Agenda

*Minutes in red*

- 5:30 **Welcome & introductions** (Linda Murphy)
- 5:40 **Review and finalization of result and impact statements** (Ashley Anglin)  
-Break into groups by area of focus  
*-Draft model based on these statements available on p. 2*
- 6:00 **What Works for Health interactive activity** (Toni Lewis, *County Health Rankings and Roadmaps*)  
*-Visit [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org), click "Roadmaps to Health" then "What Works for Health" to search interventions (along with details and associated evidence)*
- 6:45 **Additional intervention brainstorming** (All)  
*(Detailed notes available on pp. 3-5)*
- 7:10 **Report-Back** (All)
- 7:30 **Close**

**Next meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm**

### Meeting Goals:

- Learn about potential interventions from the What Works for Health online tool
- Brainstorm additional interventions and begin to prioritize
- Define next steps and timeline



Draft Impact Model:

**Morristown United for Healthy Living: Impact Model**

**Result:** Affordable, accessible, fair, equitable, healthy, safe and smart housing for all residents of Morristown's census tract 435

Improve Condition of Existing Homes

Increase Affordable Housing Stock

Improve Community Infrastructure

Education and outreach

Policy change/advocacy

Oversight of existing protections



**Breakout group 1: Improve conditions of existing homes (rented and owned) and protections/supports for current renters/owners**

Potential strategies/ideas:

Resident Education & Outreach	Policy change/advocacy	Oversight of existing protections	Other
Housing rehabilitation mini-grants + information about existing home repair programs (Habitat for Humanity, Hope House)	Low-income home energy assistance program	Enforce existing idling and pollution laws (especially around residential areas)	Housing clean-up days/projects
Work with Housing Partnership to promote existing programs	Improve lighting around existing apartments/housing authority building	Enforce smoking laws in housing areas	Home Health Environmental Inspections (non-punitive); visiting nurses + connection to resources for improvement
Lead abatement program	Advocate for rent control	Promote safety/Neighborhood Watch program	Research home loan programs (learn who has it, learn requirements)
Tenant's rights/Landlord Responsibilities workshops	Ombudsman/Court oversight		
Smoke detector education (don't unplug)			
"Community Mentors"/train the trainer to guide outreach			



Breakout group 2: **Improve community infrastructure**

Potential strategies/ideas:

Resident Education & Outreach	Policy change/advocacy	Oversight of existing protections	Other
Tenant's rights/Landlord Responsibilities workshops	Improve lighting at Flagler/Speedwell intersection; flashing crosswalk sign?	Assess what's working and what we need to keep/what needs to be exposed	Assess where residents are getting their information from (including non-traditional venues like barbershops)
Outreach considerations: -not just limited to organizations historically interested in policy/advocacy (e.g., family success centers) -what do the people want/need to know? -involve youth in programming	Involve youth in policy change (e.g., through PhotoVoice) - Creation of a Youth Council (do we have one? How do we utilize them?)	Involve the Clergy Council- what resources do they have that aren't used?	Create sense of community and increase resident engagement. What is the community's voice?
Why Bike? Why not? Program/education around biking for fun and fitness (not just for transportation)	Build awareness around policy issues/organize (both residents and organizational representatives)	Explore who/which bodies are in charge of enforcing existing housing protections. Create a liaison.	
Play Everywhere initiative			



## Breakout group 3: Increase affordable housing stock (in terms of actual units and access to these units)

A large part of our time was spent on hearing what other groups are doing. Roberta Strater (Housing Authority of Morris County) shared a lot of information about what her organization does for affordable housing and some of the “rules of the game” when it comes to housing.

Points/Information that was shared:

- Land is limited in Morristown so we may have to consider creating housing opportunities outside of tract 435. Considerations: would people who currently live in tract 435 consider moving? How would this impact their jobs? Transportation becomes an issue.
- Roberta shared some of the past and current Morristown housing projects that MC Housing Authority has built. She talked about the cost of purchasing property and that money on hand is needed when properties become available.
- Homeless Solutions explained that they give vouchers to families but the price of affordable homes is so high that voucher doesn't help.
- Discussed Habitat for Humanity and how they can help since they have procedures and requirements in place to ensure the success of the new homeowner.
- Suggested coalition hold learning sessions and invite key people (Mayor, Roberta Strater, Homeless Solutions, Affordable Housing Coalition, etc.) who deal with affordable housing to come in to speak with the group so we can strategize better.
- Research grants that could help in this area.
- Provide programs that help residents seeking new living spaces get prepared for when something opens up (credit score, savings, debt, etc.)
- Training to consider holding: Homeownership Literacy Training
- Other groups to connect with: Housing Alliance of Morris County
- Proceed Inc. – weatherization