

PORTAGE COUNTY



Community Health Improvement Plan 2020-2022

Priority #1: Mental Health, Substance Use and Addiction

Strategy 1: Assess, develop, and provide mental health resources to youth and adults in Portage County.

Goal: Improve mental health outcomes.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, decrease the percent of adults and youth feeling sad and hopeless by 2%.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Work with primary care providers and office staff to assess what information and/or materials they are lacking to provide better care for patients with mental health issues.</p> <p>Provide baseline for number of youths being assessed in the schools for mental health concerns.</p> <p>Develop awareness campaigns on counseling for depression and anxiety.</p> <p>Explore how to reach adults to help relieve anxiety due to financial/job stress.</p> <p>Access the County's supports for LGBTQ resources for youth, colleges, and adults.</p>	December 31, 2020	Karyn Kravetz, Mental Health and Recovery Board	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p>	December 31, 2021		Karyn via email: Mental Health & Recovery Board developed a Portage County Mental Health Resource Guide which lists many of mental health providers in the county and contains mental health fact sheets.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 2: Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) using a standardized tool.

Goal: Improve behavioral health outcomes.

Objective: Implement ACEs screenings in five different Portage County locations by December 31, 2022.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Portage County Trauma Informed Care Collaboration will assess agencies, organizations, disciplines etc. who could benefit from implementation of the ACEs, provide training on ACEs implementation, and collect data on Portage County ACE outcomes.</p> <p>Adopt a community-wide screening tool for ACEs and target the screening towards those who serve economically</p>	December 31, 2020	Nicole Thomas, Children's Advantage	

<p>disadvantaged and/or minority populations.</p> <p>Implement ACEs as part of intake at The Family Center for both children and parents/caregivers. Provide data on posttraumatic growth due to programming addressing impact of ACEs by reporting successful families and their ability to remain intact and complete programming.</p> <p>Provide community-based training on ACEs, the impact of trauma, and how the community can respond to trauma.</p> <p>Pilot the tool in at least one new entity.</p> <p>Collect baseline data on the number of adults and counselors that have been trained in TIC.</p> <p>Create a referral for all trauma specific service providers in the county.</p> <p>Portage County Trauma Informed Care Collaboration will identify prevention strategies to educate the community on awareness of negative impact of trauma to reduce occurrence of abuse/neglect, sexual abuse, and violence through community awareness event.</p> <p>Hold one community awareness event on the prevention of traumatic experiences.</p>			
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>		<p>Developing the Handle with Care Program for Launch: 17 school counselors social service staff members trained as trainers in handle with care and 4 law enforcement officers. 408 people have been trained in Handle with Care from school districts in Aurora, Rootstown, Southeast, and Streetsboro and police departments in Aurora, Garrettsville, Kent, and Streetsboro. (Ravenna School District trained 41 people in December).</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 & 2.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Strategy 3: Screening for suicide for patients 12 or older using a standardized tool 

Goal: Decrease suicide deaths.

Objective: Implement suicide screenings for patients 12 or older in five Portage County healthcare settings by December 31, 2022.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Introduce C-SSRS to healthcare providers such as primary care offices, FQHCs, emergency departments, and first responders. Evaluate current screening resources and referral networks. Prioritize providers serving at-risk populations.</p> <p>Train Portage County law enforcement in C-SSRS through four (4) regional trainings.</p> <p>Train 5-6 professionals in QPR (question, persuade, refer) to become trainers to conduct sessions in the community.</p> <p>Raise awareness of gun safety. Distribute Suicide Gun Safety cards to gun sellers, sportsman, etc.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>Bill Russell, Coleman</p> <p>Karyn Kravetz, Mental Health and Recovery Board</p>	
<p>Year 2: Evaluate and expand outcomes from year one.</p>	December 31, 2021		<p>Karyn via email: Distributed suicide prevention and gun safety information at the Portage Sportsman Dinner.</p> <p>185 school staff members were trained in QPR or AID at Aurora, BioMed, Field, Rootstown Schools districts.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Initiate conversations regarding the feasibility of integrating the screening tool into a system(s)-wide electronic medical record system.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 4: Youth alcohol/other drug prevention and mental health programs 

Goal: Decrease substance use.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, decrease youth usage of e-cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana by 2%.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue evidence-based prevention programming for youth and expand as funding allows.</p> <p>Advocate for youth mental health and alcohol/other drug prevention funding.</p> <p>Increase mental health prevention programs (Life Skills, Second Step, SAVE, PAX) in Portage County.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>Sarah McCully, Townhall II</p> <p>Karyn Kravetz, Mental Health and Recovery Board</p>	

<p>Increase training for adults who work with children (school staff, coaches, clergy, etc.).</p> <p>Identify the needs of community centers (Skeels, King Kennedy, Windham Renaissance).</p> <p>Implement youth-led prevention projects.</p> <p>Assess current vaping education services in Portage County.</p>			
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>		<p>Sarah via email: Too Good for Drugs: Windham 5th grade Rootstown 2nd grade Waterloo 2nd grade Aurora 1st grade James A Garfield 3rd grade Suffield 4th and 5th grade Southeast 5th grade Kent Roosevelt High School Streetsboro High School Crestwood High School</p> <p>Project Alert: Stanton Middle School – 6th grade BioMed – 6th grade James A Garfield – 7th grade Streetsboro – 8th grade Windham – 6th grade</p> <p>Mothers in Recovery Support Group: 6 sessions held in the reporting quarter</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Strategy 5: Community-based comprehensive plan to reduce alcohol and drug abuse			
Goal: Decrease substance use.			
Objective: Decrease adult excessive drinking and risky behaviors and raise awareness of the harmfulness of marijuana and e-cigarettes to adults by 2%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to implement a community awareness campaign and host an annual conference about alcohol and drug use.</p>	<p>December 31, 2020</p>	<p>Karyn Kravetz, Mental Health</p>	

<p>Conduct community outreach targeting adults on low-risk drinking guidelines and marijuana/e-cigarette use.</p> <p>Assess current programs on AOD education for adults identified by healthcare providers as high-risk.</p> <p>Gather data on OVI in Portage County. Raise awareness of alternative transportation options to avoid OVI.</p>		and Recovery Board	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021		<p>Karyn via email: Awareness messages about the risks of marijuana use in social media and publications.</p> <p>Safe driving messages on social media for the Superbowl and St. Patrick's Day with Portage Safe Communities and law enforcement partners.</p>
Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2.	December 31, 2022		


Strategy 6: Increase awareness and accessibility of treatment options for those with substance use disorder.

Goal: Decrease substance use.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, establish MAT resources and referrals systems in Portage County.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on the number of Ohio jails that offer Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and at what capacity; including MAT upon release from jail.</p> <p>Continue to offer and expand MAT and recovery housing in various locations throughout Portage County.</p> <p>Explore feasibility of Substance Use Disorder screening and referrals to community health in the Emergency Departments and Urgent Cares.</p> <p>Explore feasibility for continuing care programs in the schools and community.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>Rob Young, Townhall II</p> <p>Karyn Kravetz, Mental Health and Recovery Board</p>	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021		<p>Karyn via email: Distributed 200 addiction resource bags to people as they were released from the Portage County jail.</p>
Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 7: Safe Communities campaign			
Goal: Reduce drinking and driving.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, host nine events per year focused on sober driving in Portage County.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Collaborate with local partners and conduct a minimum of quarterly meetings to address county-wide traffic safety issues. (Safe Communities coalitions are required to deliver traffic safety messages and events throughout the year, providing educational and earned media portions of enforcement campaigns.) Conduct 2 kickoff events and a minimum of 10 additional events focused on seat belt usage, impaired driving, and motorcycle safety (a minimum of 4 events will be focused on impaired driving).	December 31, 2020	Lynette Blasiman, Safe Communities Coalition	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021		Ali via email: Reached 359,783 people with collaborative social media messaging utilizing coalition partnerships. Collaborative messages were for Superbowl and St. Patrick's Day.
Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 8: Tobacco-free policies 			
Goal: Decrease tobacco use.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, implement tobacco-free policies in at least three Portage County multi-unit housing units and at least one school.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Collect baseline data on which organizations, multi-unit housing facilities, schools parks, and other businesses currently have tobacco-free policies . Provide education to residents to assist with the transition of the multi-unit housing complexes to a tobacco-free policy.	December 31, 2020	Mike Anguilano, Kent City Health Department	
Year 2: Begin efforts to adopt tobacco-free policy in parks, fairgrounds, schools and other public locations. Implement a 100% tobacco-free policy in at least 1 Portage County School District.	December 31, 2021		Jalessa via email: A policy scan was conducted for behavioral health facilities, colleges/universities, private housing, worksites, and public spaces primarily in Kent City.
Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2. Target 2 additional multi-unit housing	December 31, 2022		

complexes and additional school districts to adopt a tobacco-free housing policy.			
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Strategy 9: Links to cessation support

Goal: Decrease tobacco use.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase participation in tobacco cessation program(s) by 15%.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on the availability of evidence-based tobacco cessation programs in Portage County and the need for more.</p> <p>Promote and raise awareness of the tobacco cessation programs, as well as other resources, such as the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line, My Life My Quit, etc..</p> <p>Increase participation in the tobacco cessation programs by 7% from baseline.</p> <p>Increase percentage of participants who enroll and attend the first class.</p> <p>Increase percentage of participants who attend the first class and complete the full 5-week cycle.</p> <p>Investigate barriers to nicotine replacement therapy access.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>Mike Anguilano, Kent City Health Department</p> <p>Ali Mitchell, Portage County Health District</p> <p>UH Portage Medical Center</p>	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts of year 1. Look for opportunities to reduce out of pocket costs for cessation therapies. Ensure any new tobacco cessation programs are promoted.</p>	December 31, 2021		Jalessa via email: Working on former smoker interviews that can serve as one activity to investigate as barriers to nicotine replacement therapy access.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 10: Data sharing

Goal: Increase data sharing among Portage County organizations.

Objective: By December 31, 2022., create and implement a written plan that addresses data sharing for coordination and continuity of care among Portage County agencies.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Work with local agencies to create a multidisciplinary committee and assess the barriers of data sharing for coordination and continuity of care and identify those barriers.</p>	December 31, 2020	John Garrity, Mental Health and Recovery Board	

<p>Aggregate data sharing is useful at the micro and macro level. At the micro level, providers need this information to effectively plan and implement care, especially in transitions from agency to agency, or level of care to the next. At the macro level, officials and administrators can use this data to make population health-level decisions about program effectiveness, risk areas, gaps in care. This information can also be helpful in requesting funding or making new collaboration decisions.</p>		<p>Bill Russell, Coleman</p>	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>		<p>Karyn: no updates.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Priority #2: Chronic Disease

Strategy 1: Food insecurity screening and referral

Goal: Reduce food insecurity.

Objective: Implement a food insecurity screening and referral in at least three additional Portage County locations by December 31, 2022.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Research the 2-item Food Insecurity (FI) Screening Tool, or another screening tool, and determine the feasibility of implementing the food insecurity screening and referral program in another location.</p> <p>Educate healthcare organizations on food insecurity, its impact on health, and the importance of screening and referral. Address food insecurity as part of routine medical visits on an individual and systems-based level.</p> <p>Inform participating locations on existing community resources and referral options such as 2-1-1, WIC, SNAP, school nutrition programs, food pantries, and other resources.</p> <p>Implement the screening tool in at least one additional location with accompanying referral options and evaluation measures. Target screenings towards those who live in or serve economically disadvantaged populations.</p> <p>SOAR will screen patients to identify needs; follow-up resources are provided and tracked.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>UH Portage Medical Center</p> <p>Janet Raber and Lacy Madison, NEOMED SOAR</p>	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p>	December 31, 2021		<p>Mindy: Food for life market: outpatient dieticians screen all patients who come through the program. 47 screened, 4 referrals were made. Sent to food for life market. Saw 122 clients, 227 people served. Grant and fundraising being done to expand the market. Priority that people are connected with a primary care doctor who has a chronic disease. Mindy can provide a list of physicians who are part of the food for life program. The two-question questionnaire is embedded into the EMR.</p>

			<p>Janet: Students are looking at addressing food insecurity at NEOMED. NEOMED has a once per month food pantry separate from student run free clinic. Kent State also has the campus kitchen. NEOMED is in talks to have campus kitchen come on site at the clinics on Saturdays.</p> <p>Health Coaching program in place. They can also help navigate the referrals program also. Dietician helps to provide guidance on shopping for healthy foods.</p> <p>LaJoyce, Center of Hope: seeing a high percentage of pantry orders. They do offer can goods. But also offer fruits and veggies. Working with Akron canton food bank. Going to be able to uber food to people's homes. Uber sets up and reaches out to clients. Center of Hope stuffs the bags. 25% must be fresh foods with meats.</p> <p>About 95% of their clients are from Ravenna City. Drive thru program is working well.</p> <p>Monday-Friday hot meals is now in person. Best way to learn what the needs are.</p> <p>Senior boxes are provided. That provides supplements food for seniors. 65 years and eligibility. Seeing more than usual seniors signing up. Serving a lot of gap clients who are waiting to get their food stamps. Serving 35 seniors right now. There is room for growth. Working to identify the seniors that may need their food boxes delivered. Working to address challenges with ensuring that people are able to use the food they are provided.</p> <p>Pantry is income eligible.</p> <p>Looking at summer programs that will provide extra foods for children,</p>
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		<p>extra box of cereal, peanut butter, etc.</p> <p>Mindy: HEAL guide has good resources for food insecurity in it. She is looking at updating the HEAL guide.</p> <p>WIC is still using the HEAL guide.</p> <p>Amy Lee: Do we have a grasp on where the biggest need is? Compared to where the distribution points are?</p> <p>Mindy: Healthy NEO has a food insecurity map for Portage County. Windham is the only area that is identified. Center of Hope does deliver food to Windham.</p> <p>Community Action Council does their food program at Windham Renaissance Center and food distribution.</p> <p>Penny: asking if there is an interactive map for food insecurity? Possible project for UH Portage and PCHD intern project.</p>
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2	December 31, 2022	

Strategy 2: Nutrition prescriptions 

Goal: Increase fruit and vegetable consumption.

Objective: Implement nutrition prescription program in Portage County by December 31, 2022.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Research nutrition prescription programs and determine the feasibility of implementing them in local health care organizations.</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of creating a food pharmacy program that accepts nutrition prescriptions.</p>	December 31, 2020	Stephanie Schulda, AxessPointe	
<p>Year 2: Explore funding opportunities for integrating nutrition prescription programs into primary care venues, such as hospital clinics and FQHCs.</p>	December 31, 2021	Janet Raber, NEOMED SOAR	<p>Janet: no updates at this time.</p> <p>Marihelyn: Food pantry is up. Refrigerators came last week. Working with Akron Canton food bank. Food should be coming this</p>

<p>Partner with local farmers markets and discuss the possibility of redeeming nutrition prescriptions at participating markets.</p> <p>Continue efforts from year 1.</p>			<p>week. Looking for community partners for donations. They also have funds that they can purchase as needed.</p> <p>Mindy: suggestion for donations for dog and cat food.</p> <p>APL has a pet food pantry as well.</p> <p>Amy Cooper: expansion of fruits and vegetables benefits through September. Children: \$24 pregnant moms: \$43, breastfeeding moms: \$47.</p> <p>Haymakers Famers mkt: beginning of May-\$10 WIC perks for fruits and vegetables. Available each week.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Implement nutrition prescription program in Portage County.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Strategy 3: Healthy eating practices through fostering self-efficacy

Goal: Increase fruit and vegetable consumption.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, at least one Cooking Matters class (per quarter) will be implemented in Portage County.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to implement the Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters program through the Kent State University Nutrition Outreach Program.</p> <p>Work with at least one new organization, such as a school, senior center, or community center, to pilot an additional 6-week course of the Cooking Matters program. Offer the program to adults, youth, and families.</p> <p>Begin to implement Healthy MunchBunch in Portage County Schools with at least one new school to participate in the program. Healthy MunchBunch is a lunch time fruit and vegetable education program to increase fruits and vegetable consumption. Program will be measured by the change in fruit and vegetable consumption before and after program</p>	<p>December 31, 2020</p>	<p>Natalie Caine-Bish, Kent State University Nutrition Outreach Program</p>	

initiation. Measure knowledge gained through evaluations. Search for grants and funding opportunities to support efforts.			
Year 2: Continue efforts to implement at least one Cooking Matters class per quarter. Utilizing the Cooking Matters at the Store framework , conduct quarterly grocery store tours by a Registered Dietitian or Health Educator in grocery stores throughout the county. Measure knowledge gained through evaluations. Measure knowledge gained through evaluations. Continue to increase the number of schools each quarter participating in Healthy MunchBunch Programming. Continued work on finding grants and funding opportunities to support efforts.	December 31, 2021		Natalie via email: Still working on MightyPack program. Looking for funding for school outreach programs.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2. Measure knowledge gained through evaluations	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 4: Prediabetes screening and referral			
Goal: Prevent diabetes in adults.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase the number of prediabetes screenings by 15%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Establish baseline for prediabetes screenings conducted in Portage County. Raise awareness of prediabetes screening, identification and referral through dissemination of the Prediabetes Risk Assessment . Promote free/reduced cost screening events within the county.	December 31, 2020	Stephanie Schulda, AxessPointe Janet Raber, NEOMED SOAR	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021	UH Portage Medical Center	Janet: Did diabetes screening in November with flu vaccine clinic. All new patients are screened for family history and prediabetes. Anyone identified gets appointment with

		<p>Marihelyn: 2 CHWs for outreach embedded. Using HUB model. There is a diabetes template that all providers are using.</p> <p>Jackie: 8 week program available at Sequoia for diabetes. Chronic disease program is a 6 month program at Sequoia. Both focus on fitness.</p> <p>Mindy: 149 screenings made. 55% were identified as prediabetes. Referrals were made. Emphasizes continual problem with chronic disease.</p>
Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022	

Strategy 5: Hypertension screening and follow up			
Goal: Promote hypertension management in adults.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase hypertension medication adherence by to 85%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Gather data on hypertension management interventions currently used in Portage County.</p> <p>Research barriers to medication adherence and best practices for hypertension management.</p> <p>Increase patient/community education on hypertension screening, treatment, and the importance of routine follow up with patients diagnosed with hypertension.</p>	December 31, 2020		
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Increase awareness of hypertension screening, treatment, and follow up.</p>	December 31, 2021	UH Portage Medical Center	<p>Mindy: did 167 BP screenings. Education and referrals were provided.</p> <p>Janet: partnered with Sequoia for heart health month. Students did the screenings. ~20 people screened. Paired with exercise and dieticians. Educational piece created on managing weight, health, etc.</p> <p>Continue to offer home BP monitors to everyone identified as hypertension. Education provided on how to take BP correctly. In person and telemedicine is available.</p>

Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		
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Strategy 6: Increase awareness of nutrition/physical activity resources

Goal: Decrease obesity.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase the number of Portage County providers utilizing the resource guide by 15% from baseline.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to offer nutrition/physical activity resources to physicians and develop a local community resource for physician use when referring their patients. Include items such as cost and transportation options in the guide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a list/network of Portage County healthcare providers and organizations that would benefit from having a healthy eating, activity living (HEAL) resource guide. Develop a marketing plan for the HEAL guide. <p>Develop and implement a sustainability plan to keep resources updated.</p>	December 31, 2020	Amy Lee, NEOMED	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts of year 1, including marketing and sustaining the guide. Implement the marketing plan so that at least 50% of the providers/organizations on the list are notified and have received information on the guide.</p>	December 31, 2021		<p>Amy: had students distributing the guide about a year ago. Mostly primary care providers were contacted. Also worked with Mindy on reaching UH providers.</p> <p>Mindy: HEAL guide will be updated through UH, PCHD, etc.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2, including marketing and sustaining the guide. Increase the number of stakeholders receiving information on the guide to 80%.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 7: Prescriptions for health

Goal: Increase participation and active engagement with parks and programs.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase participation in the Parks Rx program by 13% from the baseline.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to implement the Parks Rx program in Portage County.</p> <p>Increase participation among mental health and addiction communities. Increase participation by 3% from baseline.</p>	December 31, 2020	Andrea Metzler, Portage Park District	

<p>Year 2: Continue to monitor participation, offer new options for programming and strengthen programming models that are working with participants. Look at barriers to participation and form partnerships to help remove those barriers. Increase overall participation by 8% from baseline.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>		<p>Jennifer: Spring/Summer Parks Rx program starting. April 28th kick off at UH Portage – 4:30-6:30. UH will be doing screenings at the event.</p> <p>Would like to tie Park Rx program to summer programs with farmers markets, etc.</p> <p>NEOMED Wilderness Medicine program will also be doing a few programs.</p> <p>Partnering with Portage DD hike club today at 4:30.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts, offer new options for programming and strengthen programming models that are working with participants. Look at barriers to participation and form partnerships to help remove those barriers. Increase overall participation by 13% from baseline.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Strategy 8: Community gardens			
Goal: Increase fruit and vegetable accessibility.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, maintain four community gardens in Portage County prioritizing food deserts.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Obtain baseline data regarding how many school districts, churches, and other community organizations currently have community gardens and where they are located, such as the Windham garden.</p> <p>Identify need for additional community gardens, focusing on food desert areas, and secure volunteers and/or Master Gardeners (ex: potential partnership with OSU Extension).</p>	<p>December 31, 2020</p>		
<p>Year 2: Research grants and funding opportunities to increase the number of community gardens. Develop a sustainability plan to maintain existing and future community gardens year-round.</p> <p>Market current and future community gardens within the county (i.e. location, offerings, etc.). Update the marketing information on an annual basis.</p> <p>Implement 1 new community garden.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>	<p>UH Portage Medical Center</p>	<p>Mindy: Had a few planning meetings. Garden Club is being started in Windham. Planting a salsa garden with kindergarteners that will be planted at the Windham Ametek Food Forrest.</p> <p>Fundraising through Portage County Let's Grow Together Coalition to expand gardens.</p> <p>Many community gardens are located in many places throughout</p>

			<p>the county. The Haven is looking to start a community garden.</p> <p>Suggestion is a container garden for Center of Hope.</p> <p>Janet: there is a community garden at NEOMED as well.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2. Implement 1 new community gardens.</p> <p>Explore partnership opportunities to educate community members and families on gardening and healthy eating practices.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 9: Shared use (joint use agreements)

Goal: Increase physical activity.

Objective: Implement at least three shared-use agreements by December 31, 2022.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Collect baseline data on how many Portage County schools, churches, businesses and other organizations currently offer shared use of their facilities (gym, track, etc.).</p> <p>Create an inventory of known organizations that possess physical activity equipment, space, and other resources.</p>	December 31, 2020	Amy Lee, NEOMED	
<p>Year 2: Collaborate with local organizations to create a proposal for a shared-use agreement.</p> <p>Initiate contact with potential organizations from the inventory. Implement at least one shared-use agreement for community use. Publicize the agreement and its parameters.</p>	December 31, 2021		<p>Amy: had students prepare a list of locations that had space/opportunities for physical activity. Next step was to create an MOU.</p> <p>Working with Jackie to update the list.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Implement at least 2 additional shared-use agreements for community use in Portage County.</p>	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 10: Community fitness programs

Goal: Increase physical activity.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase participation in organized physical activities by 15% from baseline.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to offer organized physical activities to adults, youth, and children.</p>	December 31, 2020	Jackie Smallridge,	

<p>Obtain baseline data on the type, amount, and locations of organized physical activities in the county, and how many people participate.</p> <p>Identify the need for additional organized physical activities in specific locations. Target underserved areas of the county.</p> <p>Increase participation in community fitness programs by 3% from baseline.</p>		<p>Sequoia Wellness</p>	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p> <p>Implement additional organized physical activities. Target underserved areas of the county.</p> <p>Increase participation in community fitness programs by 3% from year 1 baseline.</p>	<p>December 31, 2021</p>		<p>Jackie: Working with existing list from NEOMED project to see what is available. Next step is to identify what types of activities they have. Waiting for an intern to help with this project.</p> <p>Penny has an intern that may be able to help with this project.</p>
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Increase participation in community fitness programs by 3% from year 2 baseline.</p>	<p>December 31, 2022</p>		

Pantry Project from AxessPointe

Ravenna- 44266

Grocery

1. Giant Eagle (909 E Main St.)
Open Everyday 7a-10p, Senior Hours (M-W) 7a-8a
2. Marc's Stores (1145 E Main St, Ravenna, OH)
Open Everyday 7a-9p
3. Aldi (1350 E Main St)
Monday 9a-6p, T/Th 8:30a-8p, W/F/Sa/Su 9a-8p
4. Walmart (2600 OH-59)
Open Everyday 6a-11p
5. Two-Putt Produce Market (9610 Co. Hwy. 191)
M-F 9a-6p, Sa-Su 10a-5p

Dollar Stores

6. Family Dollar (610 ½ W Main St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
7. Dollar General (1352 E Main St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
8. Dollar General (3508 OH-59)
Open Everyday 8a-9p
9. Dollar Tree (2500 OH-59 Unit 32)
M-Sa 9a-9p, Su 10a-8p
10. Dollar General (4965 S Prospect St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
11. Dollar General (9046 OH-44)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
12. Dollar General (4092 OH-14)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Food Pantries

13. Center of Hope (1081 W Main St.)
(330) 297-5454
M-F 9a-4p, Appointment is required for Pantry, 3-4 days in advance is recommended

Hot Lunches:

Monday 11:30am – 12:15pm

Tuesday 11:30am – 12:15pm

Wednesday 11:30am – 12:15pm

Thursday 11:30am – 12:15pm

Friday 11:30am – 12:15pm

Dinner is served on the first, second and third Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm

14. Catholic Charities (206 W Main St.)
(330) 297-7745
M-F 8:30a-4:30p, MWF by appointment for pantry
15. Food Distribution Center - Salvation Army - Ravenna (251 W Spruce St. Ravenna, OH)
(330) 296-7371
Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, must bring own bags and boxes
16. Church of Christ (3897 Summit Rd.)
(330) 296-3637
Pantry open every 2nd Wednesday of the Month
17. Family and Community Services (1081 W Main St.)
(330) 297-7027
(330) 296-2682
Pantry is available by appointment
18. Upper Room Cultural Development Corp. (3090 State Route 59)
(330) 296-2178
Pantry is open on Thursdays

Kent- 44240/44242/44243

Grocery

1. Marc's (1600 S Water St.)
M-Sa 7a-9p, Sunday 7a-7p
2. Acme (1709 OH-59)
Open Everyday 7a-10p
3. Kent Natural Foods (151 E Main St.)
M-Sa 9a-8p, Sunday 12p-6p
4. Asian Kent Food Market (160 Cherry St.)
Open Everyday 10:30a-8p
5. Meijer (247 Talmadge Rd.)
Open Everyday 6a-12a

Dollar Stores

6. Dollar Tree (1600 S Water St.)
M-Sa 9a-9p, Sunday 10a-8p
7. Family Dollar (1316 S Water St.)
Open Everyday 9a-9p
8. Few Buck\$ Dollar Store (1699 E Main St.)
M-Sa 10a-8p
9. Dollar General (1834 OH-59)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
10. Dollar General (170 Cherry St.)
Open Everyday 8a-9p
11. Dollar Tree (3975 Cascades Blvd.)
M-Sa 9a-9p, Sunday 10a-8p

Pantries

12. Kent Social Services (1066 S Water St.)

- (330) 673-6963
M-F 9a-3p, Appointments are required for pantry, usually 4 day wait
13. Trinity Lutheran Church (600 S Water St.)
(330) 673-5445
Pantry open last Saturday of every month, 9a-12p through Akron Food Bank
 14. Campus Kitchen, Kent State University (1475 Leebrick Dr.)
(330) 672-7876
Pantry open Tuesdays and Fridays, 3p-5:30p by appointment, 5:30p-6p walk-ins welcome
 15. Riverwood Chapel (1407 Fairchild Ave.)
(330) 678-7000
Pantry open on Fridays
 16. Salvation Army- Christian Life Center (1972 E Summit Rd. Kent, OH)
(330) 678-9234
Pantry available every 1st Wednesday and every 4th Tuesday
 17. Brimfield Community Cupboard (1235 Talmadge Rd.)
(234) 817-1284
Pantry open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30a-11:30a
 18. Student Center, Kent State University (Rm. 219A, 1075 Risman Dr.)
Tuesday:
Reservations 12p-4p
Drop-ins 4p-7p
Friday:
Reservations 10a-1p
Drop-ins 1p-3p
Make reservation at kent.edu/CARESCenter/food-pantry

Streetsboro- 44241

Grocery

1. Aldi (9071 OH-14)
Monday 9a-6p, T/Th 8:30a-8p, W/F/Sa/Su 9a-8p
2. Giant Eagle (1280 OH-303)
Open Everyday 7a-9p, Senior Hours M-W 7a-8a
3. Target (1144 OH-303)
M-Sa 8a-10p, Sunday 8a-9p
4. Walmart (905 Singletary Dr.)
Open Everyday 6a-11p

Dollar Stores

5. Dollar Tree (9272 Market Square Dr.)
M-Sa 9a-9p, Sunday 9a-8p
6. Dollar General (9004 OH-14)
Open Everyday 8a-9p

Pantries

7. Beloved Community Corp. (6696 Egret Court)
(234) 380-7293
M-Th 9a-3p, Saturday 9a-3p, Closed Friday and Sunday
8. Streetsboro Church of Christ (1386 Russell Drive)
(330) 626-4282

- Pantry open 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 2p-3:30p
- Streetsboro United Methodist Church (8940 State Route 43)
(330) 626-4393
Pantry available M-W by appointment

Windham- 44288

Dollar Stores

- Dollar General (9132 N Main St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Pantries

- Salvation Army at Renaissance Family Center (9005 Wil-Verne Dr.)
(330) 296-7371
Pantry open every 1st Wednesday and 4th Tuesday from 11a-1p
Northeast Portage Food Shelf
Monday and Tuesday 10a-3:30p, Thursday 12p-3:30p

Garrettsville- 44231

Grocery Stores

- Sky Plaza IGA (8283 Windham St.)
Open Everyday 8a-8p
- Save A Lot (8005 State St.)
M-Sa 8a-9p, Sunday 8a-8p

Dollar Stores

- Family Dollar (8287 Windham St.)
Open Everyday 8a-9p
- Dollar General (8324 Windham St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Pantries

- Nelson Garrettsville Community Cupboard (8233 Park Avenue)
(330) 527-2011
Pantry open every: 1st and 2nd Monday 2p-6p, 1st and 2nd Wednesday 9a-1p

Mantua- 44255

Grocery/Other

- Haylett's Corner Store (4699 OH-82)
M-F 5:30a-10p, Saturday 6a-10p, Sunday 7a-9p
- Jake's Market (10710 Main St.)
M-Sa 8a-7p, Sunday 8a-4p

Dollar Stores

- Dollar General (10600 Main St.)
Open Everyday 8a-10p
- Dollar General (11651 OH-44)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Pantries

- Crestwood 4C's (4572 W Prospect St.)

(330) 274-3310

Pantry open every Wednesday and Friday, 1p-3p

6. Hilltop Christian Church (4572 W Prospect St.)

(330) 274-2771

A Blessing Box is available 24/7 in the parking lot with canned goods

Aurora- 44202

Grocery

1. Heinen's Grocery Store (115 N Chillicothe Rd.)
M-F 8a-8p, Sa-Sun 8a-7p
2. Marc's Stores (300 Aurora Commons Cir.)
M-Sa 7a-9p, Sunday 7a-7p

Dollar Stores

3. Dollar Tree (120 Barrington Town Square Dr.)
M-Sa 9a-9p, Sunday 9a-8p

Pantries

4. Aurora Community Relief (146 S Chillicothe Rd.)
(330) 562-8266
Open M-F 9a-5p
5. Volunteers of America Thrift Store and Food Pantry (1063 Aurora Rd.)
(330) 348-0830
M-F 10a-4p, Saturday 10a-2p

Rootstown- 44272

Grocery

1. Giant Eagle (4260 OH-44)
Open Everyday 7a-9p, Senior Hours M-W 7a-8a

Dollar Stores

2. Dollar General (4236 OH-44)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Pantries

3. Community Bible Church (3671 Tallmadge Rd.)
(330) 325-9449
Pantry open last Sunday of every month, 1p-1:30p

Deerfield- 44411

Grocery

1. Fruitlands Farm Market (1339 OH-14)
Open Everyday 10a-7p

Dollar Stores

2. Family Dollar (1342 OH-14)
Open Everyday 8a-9p
3. Dollar General (9394 US-224)
Open Everyday 8a-10p

Priority #3: Maternal, Infant, and Child Health

Strategy 1: Reproductive health interventions

Goal: Increase sustainability of women's reproductive health and wellness services.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, implement a women's reproductive health and wellness program to increase the use of reproductive health interventions for Medicaid-eligible residents.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Implement activities to support infrastructure and sustainability of a women's reproductive health and wellness program. Activities to include insurance of billing infrastructure, Medicaid enrollment, direct health care services (family planning and prevention services, STI testing, pregnancy testing, and referrals).	December 31, 2020	Rosemary Ferraro, Portage County Health District	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021	Stephanie Schulda, AxessPointe	Rose: postponed due to COVID and issues with the grant. PCHD did not apply for the funding.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 2: Home visiting programs that begin prenatally

Goal: Improve pregnancy and birth outcomes.

Objective: By December 31, 2022, implement a prenatal/postpartum home visiting program to reduce preterm birth, low birth weight, and infant mortality.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Work with local agencies and health care organizations to develop a home visiting program in Portage County that provides support to pregnant mothers to achieve healthier pregnancies and births and stronger child development to ensure babies reach their first birthdays.	December 31, 2020		
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Work with local agencies to identify and enroll pregnant women into the program.	December 31, 2021	Rosemary Ferraro, Portage County Health District	Rose: postponed due to COVID. Applied for grant funding. Seeing a need to have CHWs in place. Looking into new funding CHWs to be placed with/hired by PCHD. Continuing to look for funding. Would like to hire CHWs at the health district if funding is available. There is a need for continuity of care.

			Mindy: Asking if the internships from KSU CHWs would be a possibility? UH has engaged the CHW model.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 3: Increase enrollment in WIC program			
Goal: Improve overall health outcomes and prevent nutrition-related illness among at-risk women, infants and children.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase WIC enrollment by 20%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Conduct an assessment on WIC enrollment in the past 10 years and identify barriers to enrollment. Determine strategies to increase awareness and accessibility of WIC.	December 31, 2020	Amy Cooper, WIC	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. implement strategies to increase awareness and accessibility of WIC.	December 31, 2021		Amy: Saw a decline in enrollment from COVID with an increase in February – March, increased by 36 participants. Increase value for fruits and veggies may have contributed to the increase of participation. Waivers for curbside through July. Will continue to provide curbside as available.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 4: Provide referrals/resources to all patients on health insurance access to ensure reproductive health care.			
Goal: Improve birth outcomes.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase number of client referrals by 25%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Work with community health workers (CHWs), home visitors, or patient navigators to connect women of childbearing age to health insurance, resources, and a medical home. Identify and mitigate barriers to care. Establish baseline for client referrals	December 31, 2020	Stephanie Schulda, Cinnamon Young, and Sara Russo, AxxessPointe	
Year 2: Increase efforts from year 1. Increase client referrals by 25%.	December 31, 2021		Mark Frisone via email: FCS has applied for and will be granted at least one if not two CHW's out of

			the Summit County HUB. Of course, the primary focus of these CHW is in the areas of Chronic Disease and Infant Mortality. The one thing I have witnessed at AxessPointe over the past year and a half is the incredible work those CHW's do in the community. API employs 5 or 6 and they really make a difference.
Year 3: Increase efforts from years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		

Strategy 5: Create and implement a Safe Kids Coalition plan			
Goal: Reduce child injury.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, create and implement a plan with targeted activities for the Safe Kids coalition.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Continue to implement the Safe Kids coalition. Work with coalition members to create a plan to guide coalition planning, outreach and activities. Include strategies such as Safe Route to School, Child Passenger Safety, Safe Sleep, etc.	December 31, 2020	Ali Mitchell, Portage County Health District	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Implement strategies from the Safe Kids Coalition plan	December 31, 2021		Becky: PCHD has been talking with Akron Children's Hospital about restarting the Safe Kids Coalition. PCHD has continued and will continue to provide car seats and pack n' plays curbside.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2. Implement strategies from the Safe Kids Coalition plan.	December 31, 2022		

WIC: will be offering immunizations once a month, 2nd Thursday of the month.

Cross-Cutting Strategies (Strategies that Address Multiple Priorities)

Cross-Cutting Factor: Social Determinants of Health

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Strategy 1: Home improvement loans and grants			
Goal: Decrease severe housing problems.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, increase the number residents obtaining home improvement loans or grants by 5%.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Work with the Portage County Home Improvement Program to collect baseline data on the number of home improvement loans and grant opportunities available to Portage County residents, including local, state, and federal loans or grants.	December 31, 2020	Brad Cromes, Portage County Treasurer	
Year 2: Create a marketing plan to promote the housing program to Portage County residents, targeting economically disadvantaged communities. Provide technical assistance to residents throughout the process of procuring a home improvement loan or grant. Work with the Portage County Home Improvement Program to collect baseline data on the number residents obtaining home improvement loans or grants.	December 31, 2021		Brad via email: We unofficially concluded our Home Improvement Program in 2021, with 47 loans made totaling just over \$918,000 during the life of the program. These funds helped Portage County homeowners completed needed projects at lower-than-market rates, and aided our communities in efforts to stabilize property values. Over the past two years, we have been in close conversation with the Treasurer of State's Office on revamping our linked deposit programs to more closely mirror those offered at the state level. We believe this will help us act as a force multiplier, and achieve shared policy goals related to home energy efficiency, small business growth/development, and family farm support. This summer, we will be launching Portage GrowLink to achieve those aims. Partnerships with local banking institutions are now in formation, and more information about the revamped program will be coming soon!
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2. Increase the number residents obtaining home improvement loans or grants by 5%.	December 31, 2022		


Cross-Cutting Factor: Social Determinants of Health**Strategy 2: Service-enriched housing****Goal:** Increase economic self-sufficiency.**Objective:** By December 31, 2022, increase PMHA client's ability to support their economic independence and stability.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Work with local service providers, partner agencies and other community resources to provide support to public housing residents to achieve economic independence and stability through education, employment, and financial literacy programs.</p> <p>Assist public housing residents to address barriers with access to internet, transportation, and child care services.</p> <p>Serve 50 public housing residents with connection to self-sufficiency goals.</p>	December 31, 2020	Carolyn Budd and Sabrina Moss, Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.</p> <p>Serve and additional 25 public housing residents with connection to self-sufficiency goals.</p>	December 31, 2021		See report below from Carolyn.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.</p> <p>Serve and additional 25 public housing residents with connection to self-sufficiency goals.</p>	December 31, 2022		


Cross-Cutting Factor: Social Determinants of Health**Strategy 3: Outreach to increase financial stability through free tax preparation services.****Goal:** Decrease poverty.**Objective:** By December 31, 2022, increase use of free tax preparation services available to Portage County residents.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Collaborate with county agencies, such as United Way, to increase awareness about the myfreetaxes.com program and how it can reduce the tax</p>	December 31, 2020	Maureen Gebhardt and Bill Childers, United Way	

burden for low-to-moderate income working people, and who is eligible.			
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Implement awareness strategies identified in Year 1.	December 31, 2021		Maureen: Out of the 211 calls for Portage County, 35% (550 calls) were for tax preparation services in the last 90 days.
Year 3: Continue efforts from year 1 and year 2.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Social Determinants of Health 			
Strategy 4: Financial literacy			
Goal: Decrease poverty.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, offer multiple financial literacy classes throughout the year in Portage County.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Continue to implement financial literacy classes in Portage County.</p> <p>Expand the frequency of the classes and offer them annually. Target economically disadvantaged populations and schools.</p> <p>Provide Bridges Out of Poverty to 2 community agencies who serve individuals/families who live in households at or below poverty level.</p> <p>Provide 1 session of the Getting Ahead program to adult clients through the Children’s Advantage Family Center.</p> <p>Provide 1 session1 of the R-Rules program through the Children’s Advantage Family Center and in Portage County schools.</p>	December 31, 2020	<p>Brad Cromes, Portage County Treasurer</p> <p>Nicole Thomas, Children’s Advantage</p>	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1.	December 31, 2021		Brad: We had our first conversation related to planning this year’s Financial Wellness Fair during the first quarter of 2022. That discussion centered on how we might preserve the increased participation that came from virtual offerings during the pandemic, while still improving the in-person elements of that event that form its core. We settled on a tentative date of November 12, 2022 for an in-

			person Fair and Expo, with a weeklong "online rewind" to follow November 14 th – 18 th on the Treasurer's Office Facebook Page. Sponsorship requests, class list, and more are now in development.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2	December 31, 2022		



Cross-Cutting Factor: Social Determinants of Health 			
Strategy 5: Increase transportation through a county transportation plan.			
Goal: Increase access to transportation.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, create a strategic plan to address transportation needs.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Work with members of the Access to Care Coalition to review the 2018 transportation assessment and identify themes, needs and barriers.	December 31, 2020	Mandy Berardinelli, Ohio Means Jobs	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Work with members of the Access to Care Coalition to create a strategic plan to address transportation needs, as well as lack of awareness of current transportation opportunities.	December 31, 2021		No updates.
Year 3: Continue efforts from year 2. Implement strategies from the strategic plan and conduct another transportation assessment.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Healthcare System and Access

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Strategy 1: School-based health centers (SBHC)			
Goal: Increase access to health care.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, pilot a SBHC in at least one Portage County school district.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Research school-based health centers (SBHC) and explore the feasibility of implementing one in Portage County.	December 31, 2020	Randy Griffith, Maplewood Career Center	
Year 2: Pilot a school-based health center within at least one school in Portage County.	December 31, 2021		Randy: No updates.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Healthcare System and Access			
Strategy 2: Health transportation outreach			
Goal: Increase access to transportation.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, expand transportation training to organizations serving Portage County residents.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Continue collaborating for annual all-day health transportation training to local organizations. Collaborate to create condensed version of annual training to increase staff trained.	December 31, 2020	Clayton Popik, PARTA Christine Herra, Job and Family Services Karen Towne, Portage County Health District	
Year 2: Pilot condensed training to 3 organizations.	December 31, 2021		Kelly: PARTA continues to work to increase service in the midst of workplace staffing shortages. We are currently in the beginning phases of creating a new strategic plan and long range goals. We have been researching the demands for transportation throughout Portage County for both fixed route and door to door service and trying to find solutions that we can financially accomplish to serve the greatest number of people. We are working hard on trying to bring back our Express

			<p>Route to Cleveland in 2022 or early 2023.</p> <p>One of the interesting projects we are working on now is a route study of State Route 59 with the City of Kent and Franklin Township. PARTA received a grant award to complete a feasibility study on widening the corridor of State Route 59 between Horning Road and State Route 261. Along the expansion, transit amenities would be enhanced with sidewalks, cross walks, signals, bus shelters and pull offs. This study is almost complete and if approved to go forward, we would work with the City of Kent to obtain funding for the project. This area would impact many riders positively, including single parents and children trying to access our routes. So, stay tuned for more information!</p>
Year 3: Expand efforts from year 2.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Healthcare System and Access 			
Strategy 3: Health insurance enrollment and outreach 			
Goal: Increase health insurance enrollment.			
Objective: Enroll 15% of identified uninsured residents into a health insurance option by December 31, 2022.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Coordinate with community agencies to identify uninsured residents.</p> <p>Refer the uninsured resident and enroll them in the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, or another health insurance option.</p> <p>Enroll 5% of identified uninsured residents into a health insurance option.</p>	December 31, 2020	Stephanie Schulda/ Cinnamon Young, AxessPointe	
Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Enroll an additional 5% of identified uninsured residents into a health insurance option.	December 31, 2021		Marihelyn: 2 CHWs for outreach embedded. Using HUB model.
Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2. Enroll an additional 5% of identified uninsured residents into a health insurance option.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Healthcare System and Access 


Strategy 4: Expand SOAR Student-Run Free Clinic

Goal: Increase access to health care.

Objective: December 31, 2022, increase the number of days the SOAR Free Clinic is open to a total of six (6) days per month.

Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
Year 1: Continue to implement the SOAR Free Clinic. Expand hours of the SOAR clinic from three to four Saturdays each month. Promote health services of SOAR in underserved communities.	December 31, 2020	Janet Raber and Lacy Madison, SOAR	
Year 2: Continue efforts of year 1. Expand services with integration of Behavioral Health Counseling from Coleman at the clinics. Expand Social Determinants of Health screening and referral and tracking. Investigate the feasibility of Telemedicine. Investigate the feasibility of EMR. Add Physician Assistant Students from University of Mount Union to participate in clinic visits.	December 31, 2021		Janet: No updates.
Year 3: Continue efforts of years 1 and 2. Purchase equipment, develop curriculum/training and pilot Telemedicine at SOAR Provide specialty clinic days, once a month Develop a referral base for diagnostics and specialties at free or reduced cost.	December 31, 2022		

Cross-Cutting Factor: Health Equity

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Strategy 1: Implicit bias training			
Goal: Decrease discrimination.			
Objective: By December 31, 2022, implement at least one implicit bias training per quarter.			
Action Step	Timeline	Lead Contact/Agency	Progress
<p>Year 1: Work with local stakeholders to create a formal implicit bias training detailing the association between implicit bias and inequity.</p> <p>Pilot the training in one location, such as a school, church, healthcare organization, local business or social service agency. Evaluate the training and make necessary changes.</p>	December 31, 2020	Mike Thompson, Family and Community Services	
<p>Year 2: Continue efforts from year 1. Implement the training at least once per quarter.</p>	December 31, 2021		No updates.
<p>Year 3: Continue efforts from years 1 and 2. Implement the training at least once per quarter.</p>	December 31, 2022		

