



Lapeer County Health Department

Community Health Assessment and Improvement (CHAI) 2010-12 Plan

To reduce duplication and improve coordination of effort in Lapeer County, Lapeer County Health Department is working closely with the Lapeer County Collaborative and the Lapeer County Community Foundation Visioning Committee to conduct health assessment and develop health improvement plans for Lapeer County.

Background

Lapeer County Collaborative Committee:

The Lapeer County Collaborative Committee (LCCC) is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, community-based committee that meets monthly. The committee is comprised of representatives from local government (including leadership, law enforcement, the courts, the prosecuting attorney and emergency management) Lapeer County Health Department, Lapeer County Community Mental Health, United Way, Lapeer County Community Foundation, housing agencies, faith-based organizations and other non-profit agencies.

Lapeer County Community Foundation Visioning Committee: (Chaired in 2009-2011 by Lapeer County Health Department Health Officer)

The Lapeer County Community Foundation began a community visioning project in 2006. A broad array of community leaders convened to establish a future vision for Lapeer County. As a result, five areas of need were identified, including Health Care. A Health Care Committee was formed, which includes representatives from Lapeer Regional Medical Center, Lapeer County Community Mental Health, Lapeer County Health Department, and business/community representatives.

Review of Data

Committees included a number of data sets in establishing health issues, setting priorities and developing plans:

- County Health Rankings 2010, 2011
- Kids Count Data: Lapeer County 2009, 2010, 2011
- Michigan BRFS
- Lapeer County Medical Examiner data (annual and ongoing)
- Child Death Review Team statistics and recommendations
- Other local data compiled by coalition partners

Identification of Health Issues

Two major issues were identified by the Visioning Committee:

- 1) Access to health care
- 2) Need for continuing health education for the community to improve health behaviors and reduce morbidity and mortality

In addition, sub-committees of the LCCC were formed to address the following issues:

- 1) Access to Health Care Sub-Committee
- 2) Infant Mortality Committee (primarily positional asphyxiation)
- 3) Suicide Prevention Network: 3-fold Suicide increase among middle-aged men
- 4) Significant increase in heroin use and deaths among young adults
- 5) Great Start Collaborative: Annual review of Child Health and Welfare Statistics and plan development/implementation

Evaluate CHAI process annually

2009 CHAI Evaluation

1. Kids Count Data was evaluated by the Great Start Collaborative and Lapeer County Community Collaborative (LCCC) including representatives from the courts/probation, health department, DHS and Community Mental Health.
2. The Child Death Review Team provided an annual data and statistical report to the LCCC on 4/1/09.

2010 CHAI Evaluation

1. County Health Rankings were released in February, 2010. Rankings were reviewed with the Board of Health and LCCC. Information related to the rankings was placed on the LCHD website.
2. Kids Count Data was evaluated by the Great Start Collaborative and Lapeer County Community Collaborative (LCCC) including representatives from the courts/probation, health department, DHS and Community Mental Health.
3. The Child Death Review Team provided an annual data and statistical report to the LCCC on 3/3/10. An ad hoc Infant Mortality Committee was formed to address concerns related to 6 positional asphyxia deaths in the past 4 months. A plan was developed and implemented.
4. A sub-committee was formed under the LCCC to address a record number of suicides among middle-aged men in Lapeer County. Staff from several agencies went to training, developed and implemented a plan. The sub-committee has been more formally organized into the Lapeer County Suicide Prevention Network. Meetings and plan development/implementation are ongoing.

2011 CHAI Evaluation

1. County Health Rankings were released in March, 2011. A summary of the rankings and URL was shared with the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, Board of Health and LCCC. The summary was placed on the LCHD website.
2. Kids Count Data was evaluated by the Great Start Collaborative and Lapeer County Community Collaborative (LCCC) including representatives from the courts/probation, health department, DHS and Community Mental Health.
3. A coalition was developed to address concerns related to heroin use and an unprecedented increase in heroin deaths in Lapeer County. Educational materials were developed, a speaker's panel was formed, and educational forums were offered in a number of community venues.