Public Health & Health Planning Council Meeting

Brief Overview: Core Public Health Work during COVID 19 Pandemic
Onondaga County Health Department

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Preventing Chronic Disease

• Pandemic strengthened our relationship with our community partners in the community: Schools/FBO/CBO
• Schools: Installed walking trails in 3 schools
  – Designed sensory trails and physical activity trails to be installed in 2022
• Engaged food pantries to develop and implement a Healthy Pantry labelling system
• Worked with landlords to implement policies resulting in over 500 new smoke-free apartment units
• Education, outreach resulted in Screening of nearly 400 patients for cancer, resulting in 5 cancer diagnoses.
Community Work

From June 1, 2021 – present:

- **Policies Adopted:** 12
- **Practice Changes:** 13
- **Environmental Changes:** 58

### Community Highlights

- Outdoor walking trail
- CHEF Program
- Red, yellow, green behavioral economics
- Policy adoption at food pantries
- Three new breastfeeding rooms
- Rosamond Gifford Zoo
- Healthy donation project
- Created and installed physical activity trails
- Produce program at Gethsemane food pantry (Russo Produce)
- Walking trail and banner room enhancements (Civic Center)

### School Work:

- **Baldwinsville Central School District**
- **Lafayette Central School District**
- **Onondaga Nation**
- **City of Syracuse**

- **Wellness policy reviewed and updated at SCSF**
- Food pantry at Onondaga Nation School
- Indoor walking trail and sensory trail installed
- Practice changes with grain mill
- Farm-to-catereris with Baldwinsville School District
Promote Well-Being and Prevent Substance Use

• Pivoted to an online format for naloxone trainings
  – Over 300 people trained virtually
  – 210 trained in person in 2021
• Implemented outreach and referral program in justice center: Many challenges
  – Outreach: 33
  – Active Care Management: 15
• Provide leadership to Onondaga County Drug Task Force
• Working with health systems to engage in NY’s “Matters” referral program.
• Working with NYS office of mental health: assessment phase of zero suicide effort
Public Health System: Collaboration is Key to Success

- Schools
- Community Centers
- Employers
- Transit
- Elected Officials
- Doctors
- EMS
- Labor
- Enforcement
- Corrections
- Nursing Homes
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Civic Groups
- Neighborhood Organizations
- CHCs
- Hospitals
- Drug Treatment
- Law
- Faith Institutions
- Tribal Health
- Laboratories
- Mental Health
- Home Health
- Fire
- Transit
- Public Health Agency