2020

POLK COUNTY Community Health Improvement Plan

Polk United healthier together
The 2020-2022 Polk County Community Health Improvement Plan entails the recent comprehensive community health planning effort for Polk United's Community Health Coalition. Polk United is a coalition that works to make Polk County a place where we all thrive at home, at work and in community. The community health planning effort includes two major phases: a community health assessment (CHA) and a community health improvement plan (CHIP).

- Included is a summary of the community engagement methods and prioritization process for the 2020 Polk County Community Health Assessment (CHA). Through this process, residents identified Mental Health, Substance Use, and Nutrition and Physical Activity as top priorities.
- The CHIP also provides the community with a plan and goals for improving the health of Polk County in the health priorities identified by Polk United over the next three years.

Over the next three years, Polk United workgroups will continue implementation and evaluation of evidence-based practices in order to reach our goals. Efforts will be updated to align with community resources and needs as necessary. The CHA, CHIP and Workgroup work plans are available at www.polkunited.org.

**Community Health Improvement Plan Overview**

Polk United utilized the County Health Ranking and Roadmaps Take Action Cycle to guide the community health improvement process. This included:

- A review of key findings from the 2019 CHA-qualitative data from surveys, listening sessions and community health improvement events, as well as quantitative data from local, state and national indicators.
- A review of evidence-based practices through “What Works for Health” and additional resources.
- Identification of strategies based on evidence, community input, and community assets. Strategies were also chosen to align with state and national health plans.
- Consideration of populations with disparate health outcomes.
- Development of a detailed work plan to track progress and outcomes - available at www.polkunited.org.
Summary of 2020-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan Goals

**Mental Health Workgroup** works closely with the Mental Health Taskforce of Polk County to improve access to Mental Health Services, increase early detection of mental illness, and reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Goal:
- Decrease the number of days you have felt sad or depressed for 2 or more days in the last 2 weeks from 35% to 30% as measured by the CHA Survey

**Substance Use Workgroup** works to create a positive change around the culture of drinking and drug use in our community.

Goal:
- Reduce binge drinking from 25% to 23% 'in the last month' as measured by the CHA Survey
- Reduce the percent of individuals or families negatively impacted by meth use from 14.9% to 12% as measured by the CHA Survey

**Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup** works to prevent chronic disease through the promotion of healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

Goals:
- Increase the consumption of fruit and vegetable servings of 3 or more a day from 37% to 40% as measured by the CHA Survey
- Increase physical activity of 150 minutes per week to 45% as measured by the CHA Survey
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The members of the Polk United Leadership Team are pleased to present the 2019 Community Health Improvement Plan to the citizens of Polk County. This plan is a combined effort of the Polk County Health Department (PCHD), Amery Hospital and Clinic, Osceola Medical Center, St. Croix Regional Medical Center, the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, United Way St. Croix Valley, UW-Extension and many community partners. Special thanks to the Polk United Leadership team for their excellent input and guidance.

Many organizations participated in the process and are highlighted in the Acknowledgements Section of this report. The Leadership Team wishes to thank them for their support and commitment to this work. In addition, staff at the PCHD provided many hours of support and guidance throughout the entire process. Many thanks go to Elizabeth Hagen, Polk United Coordinator, who provided guidance and support throughout the process and Laurie Whitehead, PCHD Fiscal Manager, for assuring all the technical assistance needs were met.

The Community Health Improvement Plan includes goals, measurable objectives and action steps for the priority health focus areas identified by the community and key stakeholders. These focus areas are Mental Health, Substance Use, and Nutrition and Physical Activity. Access to Care has been identified as a barrier to achieving good health, and will be incorporated into each of the health focus priorities. This plan is intended to be a call to action and a guide for community stakeholders to improving the health of all residents in Polk County.
Making Polk County a place where we all thrive at home, at work and in the community is a responsibility we all share. We would like to invite you to join us and become involved in promoting the health and well-being of individuals, families and the communities of Polk County. For more information on the Polk United Coalition, or to learn how to help make Polk County healthier, contact us at www.polkunited.org.
Polk United was established in 2013 as an expansion of Polk County’s Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition (NPA). Funding that the coalition and Polk County Health Department received from the Community Transformation Grant Fund provided an opportunity to expand the coalition and complete a new strategic plan. Strategic planning was completed in early 2013 and the Polk United: healthier together name and logo was selected shortly after. In 2018 the Strategic Planning process was once again initiated and a coalition charter was created and adopted in 2019.

Vision
The vision for Polk United is “Polk County... a place where we all thrive at home, at work and in community.

Mission
The mission of Polk United is “fostering health and well-being for all in Polk County through partnerships, programs and resources”.

Purpose
The purpose of Polk United is to provide a strategic and collaborative framework for health improvement and well-being throughout Polk County. The coalition’s actions are guided by the social determinants of health and an ongoing assessment of community health needs.
Since 2013, Polk United has provided a “table” where stakeholders collaborate to understand current and future health needs of Polk County through a process of assessing, prioritizing and addressing health needs. Many diverse partners from across the county participate in Polk United, a community-based coalition developed to create and maintain healthy communities. Together they work to better align efforts among community partners and create a strategic framework for collaborative local health improvement activities. Over the years, Polk United has been vital to bringing several successful programs to our county. Polk United is committed to using health data and best practice to inform our decision-making process.

Visit us online at www.polkuntied.org to find:
- Meeting minutes for Polk United workgroups
- The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment and 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan
Polk United consists of a Leadership Team and Workgroups that are all working to make Polk County a place where we all thrive at home, at work and in community.

The Polk United Coalition’s Leadership Team is comprised of designees from Amery Hospital and Clinics, Osceola Medical Center, St. Croix Regional Medical Center, Polk County Health Department, Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, UW-Extension, and United Way St. Croix Valley.

**Mental Health Workgroup**
Mental Health refers to our emotional, psychological and social well-being, and how it relates to our ability to cope with the normal stresses of life. Poor mental health (aka mental illness) manifests itself in poor quality of life, higher rates of chronic disease, and shorter lifespan. The Mental Health workgroup works closely with the Mental Health Taskforce of Polk County to improve access to Mental Health Services, increase early detection of mental illness, and reduce the stigma of mental Illness.

Stakeholders:
- Polk County Community Members
- Mental Health Task Force of Polk County
- Polk United Healthier Together
- Polk County Schools
- Polk County Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Polk County Faith Community
- Polk County Health Care Providers
- Polk County Media
- Polk County Businesses
- Polk County Service Organizations
- Polk County Government
**Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup**

Good nutrition is the intake of food that positively addresses the body’s dietary needs. Physical activity helps keep the body in good physical condition. Poor nutrition and physical inactivity produces overall poor health and are major contributors to obesity and chronic disease such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke. The Nutrition and Physical Activity workgroup works to prevent chronic disease through the promotion of healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

Stakeholders:

- Polk United Healthier Together
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee
- Polk County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Polk County Health Department (WIC, Fit Families, Prenatal Care Coordination)
- Polk County Worksites
- Polk County Fitness Centers
- Polk County Policymakers
- Polk County Healthcare Providers
- Polk County School Districts
- Polk County Childcare Providers
- Polk County Citizens
- Polk County Farmers’ Markets, Farm Stands and Apple Orchards
- Polk County Women of Reproductive Age
- Polk County Government
- Polk County Media
**Substance Use Workgroup**

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Stakeholders:
- Polk County Community Members
- Polk County Policymakers
- Polk County Parents
- Polk County Business Community
- Polk County Healthcare Providers
- Polk County School Districts
- Polk County Law Enforcement
- Polk County Faith Community
- Wisconsin State Legislators
- Polk County Government
- Polk County Faith Community
- Polk County Youth
- Polk County Youth Serving Organizations
- Polk County Media
The community health improvement process includes two major phases: a Community Health Assessment and a Community Health Improvement Plan. Assessing needs and planning collaboratively helps solve complex health issues. The goals of a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) are to engage the community in addressing priority health issues.

*Community Health Assessment (CHA)* is a process that engages community members and partners to collect and analyze data and information from a variety of sources to assess the health needs and strengths of the community. Together, the community identifies top health concerns. The findings of a CHA can inform community decision-making, the prioritization of health concerns, and the development and implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan. It is known that health is greatly influenced by where people live, where they work, the safety of their surroundings and the strength and connectivity of families and communities. The assessment provides a greater understanding of these social determinants of health, which is critical when developing best strategies to improve identified health priorities and is a first step to eliminating health disparities. As a result of the 2015 Community Health Assessment, Polk United committed to continuing work on the health priorities of Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Nutrition and Physical Activity, all of which were identified by the community as priority issues for 2020-2023.
### Figure 4 - Community Health Assessment Timeline

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<td>December 2018 through February, 2019</td>
<td>Community Survey Distributed</td>
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<td>January through March, 2019</td>
<td>CHA Leadership Team Meets bi-monthly to Review Survey Results, Aggregate and Assess Data, Plan Community Forums and Key Stakeholder Meeting and to Evaluate Survey and Meeting Results</td>
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<td>February and March, 2019</td>
<td>Community Forums and Key Stakeholder Meeting Held; Health Priorities Selected</td>
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<td>April through May, 2019</td>
<td>CHA Report Drafted, Partner Feedback Obtained</td>
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<tr>
<td>June, 2019</td>
<td>CHA Report Completed and Distributed to Media and Partners; CHIP Process Begins</td>
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Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a roadmap that will guide the work on health priorities for community health improvement. It is an action-oriented plan that guides community partners in implementing evidence-based strategies to produce better health outcomes. The CHIP provides overarching goals, specific objectives, and evidence-based strategies that will mobilize the community to collaborate toward policy, system and environmental strategies related to the areas of concern identified in the CHA. Polk United’s plan addresses the three identified health priorities. Polk United utilized the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps Take Action Cycle to guide their CHIP process. Improving community health requires people from multiple sectors to work collaboratively on a variety of activities and the Take Action Cycle guides communities on how to move diverse stakeholders forward to action.

CHIP Process
The process for developing the Community Health Improvement Plan follows the County Health Ranking & Roadmaps Take Action Cycle. Each step of the action cycle is a critical piece toward improving community health for all.
Work Together

Everyone has a role to play in improving the health of communities. To move from data to action, Polk United engaged diverse stakeholders from multiple sectors.

- Polk United includes over 144 diverse stakeholders to collaboratively work on identified health issues to improve the health of our community members.
- Every month, the Polk United Leadership Team meets to review all action team progress as well as to continue to support broad collaborative action.
- Each month, Polk United Workgroups meet and work together to plan, implement and evaluate their goals/objectives.
- The diverse group of stakeholders involved in each action team continually reviews their membership list to ensure that stakeholders identified to help them accomplish their goals and objectives are “at the table”.

Assess Needs & Resources

Polk United explored the community’s needs, resources, strengths, and assets.

- After the 2019 Community Health Assessment was adopted in June 2019, Workgroups reviewed and discussed the health assessment data along with health priority areas and themes identified by community members during community health improvement meetings.
- At the November 2019 Leadership Team meeting the team used the County Health Ranking & Roadmaps Take Action Cycle to identify stakeholder groups that could be at the “table” for each action team to help carry out the goals of identified health priorities. The tools and ideas generated from this leadership meeting were shared at individual workgroup meetings to continue the conversation around stakeholder engagement.
Focus on What’s Important
The Polk United Leadership Team determined the most important issues to address in order to achieve the greatest impact on the identified health priorities.

- Existing Workgroups adopted the 2019 Community Health Assessment health priorities and committed to continued work.
- Workgroups reviewed their respective goals and objectives from the 2017 CHIP and discussed successes/challenges to guide the future focus and direction of the Workgroups.
Choose Effective Policies & Programs

Polk United chose effective strategies to align with goals and objectives based on evidence, community input, community assets and resources, health disparities and community readiness. Strategies were also chosen to align with state and national health plan goals.

- Workgroups reviewed 2019 CHA data, community assets and resources.
- Workgroups brainstormed goals and objectives then scored each brainstormed idea based on feasibility and impact. These scores help to narrow the groups focus on interventions that will have the greatest impact and those that the workgroup has the resources to implement.
- The coalition coordinator worked with workgroups to identify evidence-based strategies at all levels to effectively address health priorities. Strategies were gathered from “What Works for Health” and additional resources about evidence-based practice from the state and national health plans.
- Additional evidence-based policies and programs were explored based on feedback from workgroup members. Workgroups focused on the CADCA’s (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Seven Strategies for Community Change, to modify the environment to make healthy choices available to all community members. By changing policies, systems and/or environments, Polk United will be able to better tackle the complex health issues identified by the community.
- Workgroups explored interventions that would affect disparate populations in our community: rural, and low-income residents. Using health data and assessment survey results and community partner input, workgroups had discussions around additional populations affected unequally by identified health priorities.
Act on What’s Important

- Workgroups assessed the community’s level of readiness through discussion of local efforts and their effectiveness, the extent to which appointed leaders and influential community members are supportive of the issue, community climate toward the issue, community knowledge about the issue, and resources available to support prevention efforts.

- Polk United workgroups defined what they want to achieve with each program or policy, and how they will achieve it.

- A work plan template was created to track progress on goals and objectives. The Leadership Team and workgroup chairs reviewed and provided feedback on this work plan. Each workgroup used the finalized work plan template to delineate how they will achieve their goals and objectives through clearly identified activities and action steps. (Sample plan attached in Appendix I.)

- Each workgroup work plan includes community health priority goals, measurable objectives, improvement strategies and activities, time frame, person(s) responsible, and indicators. These work plans will be used throughout the community health improvement plan timeline to track and share progress with the Leadership Team and community at-large.
Evaluate Actions
Polk United Workgroups identified measures available to monitor their progress over time.

- As workgroups continue to work together, they will use evaluation tools to assess community readiness for implementation of policies/programs, monitor results of implemented policies/programs, and evaluate policy/program outcomes.
- Polk United will review at least quarterly and update work plans to monitor the workgroups' progress toward achieving the goals and objectives that they have identified in the CHIP. The work plans are evolving documents and will be publicly accessible through the Polk United website. Partners, community organizations, and community members can track progress and provide input into areas of improvement. Polk United will document when the work plan has been reviewed and revised.

Communicate
Communication is an ongoing step in the Take Action Cycle. In addition to regular meetings, Polk United strives to have high levels of communication with members and partners.

- In September 2019, a work plan template was shared with the workgroup chairs.
- In November 2019, a draft of the CHIP was shared at the Leadership Team meeting. Members provided feedback to make the document more useful for them. Revisions were made to the CHIP based on this feedback.
- The updated CHIP and work plan template was shared at the December Polk United workgroup meetings. Additional edits were made based on feedback from Action Team co-chairs.
- The final CHIP is available online at www.polkunited.org and has been shared with community partners and the community-at-large.
Mental Health

Mental health refers to our emotional, psychological and social well-being, and how it relates to our ability to cope with the normal stresses of life. Poor mental health (aka mental illness) manifests itself in poor quality of life, higher rates of chronic disease, and shorter lifespan.

Community Health Needs Assessment Survey Data

Survey respondents that stated they have been told they have Depression/Anxiety

- 2015: 23%
- 2018: 33%

Percent of survey respondents that stated they felt sad/depressed 3 or more days per week

- 2015: 15%
- 2018: 22%

Survey respondents that stated they were doing nothing to address the problem

- 2015: 26.9%
- 2018: 14%
Goals and Objectives

Overall Goals:
1. Decrease the number of people that have done nothing to address their thoughts of suicide in the last 12 months from 14% to 12% as measured by the CHA Survey

Objectives:
- Provide Information by distributing the Mental Health Task Force community resource brochure, hold mental health awareness events and suicide awareness walk
- Enhance Skills by providing MHFA, QPR, and ACE's trainings throughout the county
- Provide Support by providing psychosocial support groups for students who have been identified as needing support through screenings
- Enhance Access by providing mental health screenings to high school students in Polk County and pilot screenings for middle schools students
- Change Consequences by exploring a suicide prevention plan
- Change the Physical Design of the community by participating in and promoting the "Make It OK" campaign to reduce stigma
- Modify/Change Policy by exploring policies that will impact mental health

Evidence Based Practices to be implemented:
1. MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) Trainings
2. ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Trainings
3. QPR (Question, Pursuade, Refer) Trainings
4. Make It Ok Campaign/Trainings
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Substance Use

Substance abuse is the harmful use of chemicals, including psychoactive drugs, alcohol, prescription medications, and huffing. Substance abuse can lead to dependence syndrome (a negative behavioral, cognitive and physiological phenomena) and social decline.

Have you or your family been negatively impacted by Marijuana Use?

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Have you or your family been negatively impacted by meth use?

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During the past 30 days survey respondents stated they had 5+ drinks (Male) 4+ drinks (Female) in a sitting on a weekly basis.

Have you or your family been negatively impacted by Opioid use?

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Community Health Needs Assessment Survey Data

Pounds of Prescription drugs collected at permanent drop box locations

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Opioid related hospital discharges

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% Motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol

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Have you or your family been Negativly impacted by Marijuana Use
Goals and Objectives

Overall Goals:
1. Reduce binge drinking from 25% to 23% 'in the last month' as measured by the CHA Survey
2. Reduce the percent of individuals or families negatively impacted by meth use from 14.9% to 12% as measured by the CHA Survey

Objectives:
- Provide Information by sharing information with parents, elected officials, law enforcement, schools, business etc.
- Enhance Skills by assisting coalition members and partners in attending trainings
- Provide Support by working with Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) to host more aftercare activities for those in recovery
- Reduce Access to Tobacco, Alcohol and Prescription Drugs (Rx Drugs)
- Change Consequences by helping retailers stay in compliance by using trainings instead of fines and by educating youth for first time offenses rather than using fines
- Change the Physical Design of the community by changing the alcohol environment at community festivals
- Modify/Change Policy in schools and municipalities

Evidence Based Practices to be implemented:
1. Compliance Checks for Alcohol and Tobacco
2. Proper Drug Disposal Programs – Rx Drop Boxes
3. Universal school-based prevention programing
4. Alcohol Advertising Restrictions
5. Responsible Beverage Server Training
## Alcohol and Drug Use

### Polk County

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Nutrition and Physical Activity

Good nutrition is the intake of food that positively addresses the body's dietary needs. Physical activity helps keep the body in good physical condition. Poor nutrition and physical inactivity produce overall poor health and are major contributors to obesity and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Polk County High School students that reported getting 60 minutes of physical activity 5 or more days a week

- 2015: 56%
- 2017: 63%

Percent of babies breastfeed at or before discharge

- 2015: 83%
- 2016: 86%

Community Health Needs Assessment Survey Data

Survey Respondents that said they were slightly or very overweight

- 2015: 60%
- 2018: 66%

Survey respondents that stated they ate 3 or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day

- 2015: 48%
- 2018: 37%

Survey respondents that stated they exercised at least 30 minutes a day, 3 or more days a week

- 2015: 49%
- 2018: 42%
Overall Goals:
1. Increase the consumption of fruit and vegetable servings of 3 or more per day from 37% to 40% as measured by the CHA Survey

2. Increase physical activity to 150 minutes per week to 45% as measured by the CHA Survey

Objectives:
- Provide Information on healthy eating through "Harvest of the Month" initiatives
- Provide Information through an informational campaign regarding new physical activity guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- Enhance Skills through gardening education classes provided throughout the county
- Enhance Skills through exercise classes provided throughout the county
- Enhance Access to vegetables through the "Veggie Rx" program
- Enhance Access to and increase use of Polk County trails through the promotion of the polkcountyonthemove.org website

Evidence Based Practices to be implemented:
1. Harvest of the Month
2. Gardening Interventions to Increase Vegetable Consumption among Children
3. Expansion and Promotion of Farmers Markets through the Power of Produce Program
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Get Involved!

Join a workgroup - workgroups meet monthly to move forward the goals of the health priorities.

- Substance Use - megan.krieglmeier@co.polk.wi.us
- Mental Health - mail@mentalhealthpolk.org
- Nutrition and Physical Activity - AndreaS@co.polk.wi.us or donald.wortham@ces.uwex.edu

Read our Leadership Team and workgroup meeting minutes to see what is going on!
- Find them on the website at www.polkunited.org

Take action to improve the health of Polk County!
- Write a letter to the editor
- Contact your state and local policy makers
- Think about how your organization could be involved with Polk United

Not sure how to be involved?
Contact the Polk United Coalition Coordinator Elizabeth Hagen at:
- elizabeth.hagen@co.polk.wi.us
- 715-485-8500
Appendix I
Problem: Poor Mental Health in Polk County

Target Population: Youth and Adults

Resources:
- Health Department Staff
- Area Hospital Staff
- Mental Health Task Force of Polk County
- Business Owners
- School Staff
- United Way St. Croix Valley Staff
- Volunteers

Activities:
1. Mental Health First Aid Classes
2. QPR Classes
3. ACE's Trainings
4. Student Screenings
5. "Make It OK" Campaign
6. SAM Project

Outputs/Short-Term Outcomes:
1. # classes
   # of Attendees
2. # classes
   # of Attendees
3. # trainings
   # of Attendees
4. # of students screened
   # of students given follow-up support
5. # presentations
   # of Attendees
6. # presentations
   # of Attendees

Long Term Outcomes:
Decrease the number of people that have done nothing to address their thoughts of suicide in the last 12 months from 14% to 12% as measured by the CHA Survey.
Problem: Binge Drinking in Polk County

Target Population: Youth and Adults

Resources:
- Health Department Staff
- Funds from Substance Use Block Grant
- Law Enforcement Staff
- CJCC Staff
- District Attorney
- Civic Leaders
- Business Owners
- Sheriffs Department

Activities:
1. Alcohol Compliance Checks
2. "Talk They Hear You" Campaign
3. Town Hall Events
4. Monthly Press and Social Media
5. DITEP Training
6. Prevention Curriculum
7. Safe Serve Class
8. Changes in Town Festival Policies
9. Advertising

Outputs/Short-Term Outcomes:
1. Sales Rate
   # of Checks Completed
2. YRBS Perception of Harm
3. # of Attendees
   # of Events Held
4. # of Press Releases
   # of Likes
   # of Shares
   # of posts
5. # of Attendees
   # of Trainings Held
6. # of Classes
   # of Attendees
7. # Trained
   # of Classes Held
8. # of Policies Updated/Changed
9. # of Advertising restriction ordinances passed

Long Term Outcomes:
1. Adult binge drinking rate will be reduced to 23% as measured by the CHA Survey.
2. Youth binge drinking rate among high school students will be reduced to 11% measured by the YRBS Survey.
**Problem:** Obesity in Polk County

**Target Population:** Youth and Adults

**Resources:**
- Health Department Staff
- Area Hospital Staff
- University of Wisconsin Extension Staff
- United Way St. Croix Valley Staff
- Business Owners
- School Staff
- Farmers Markets
- Volunteers

**Activities:**
1. Harvest of the Month (HOM) Campaign
2. Polk County Moves (PCM) Campaign
3. Gardening Education
4. Monthly Press and Social Media
5. Exercise Classes
6. Veggie Rx Program

**Outputs/Short-Term Outcomes:**
1. # of materials distributed
2. # of materials distributed
3. # of polkcountyonthemove.org website visits
4. # of classes
5. # of attendees
6. # of Press Releases
7. # of Likes
8. # of Shares
9. # of posts
10. # of classes
11. # of attendees
12. # of veggie Rx programs in the county
13. # of veggie Rx distributed

**Long Term Outcomes:**
1. Increase the consumption of fruit and vegetable servings of 3 or more a day from 37% to 40% as measured by the CHA Survey
2. Increase physical activity to 150 min a week to 45% as measured by the CHA Survey
Appendix II
### Goal 1: Provide Information

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### Goal 5: Change Consequence (Incentive/Disincentive)

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Objectives: Answers the question - what do you want / need to accomplish? Objectives should be written using a SMART format (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely).

Activities: Answers the question – which specific actions / benchmarks need to be accomplished in order to successfully complete the objective?

Individual or Group Responsible: Answers the question of who will be the lead for assuring the objective is accomplished? While this might come from a team or committee, a person should always be named, not a team.

Due Date: Answers the question - When do you expect to complete the objective?

Developed By: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________________________

Reviewed By: _______________________________________________ Date: ________________________________