

Agenda Item Number:

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 25, 2014

Agenda Item Subject: Orange County Advisory Board Summary

Attachment(s): 2015_ Quarter 2 Update_ Orange County Advisory Board Summary

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Meredith Stewart

Purpose: Action
 Information only
 Information with possible action

Summary Information:

The Board of Health identified action steps related to engagement in the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. One of these action steps is to receive quarterly updates on actions of other Orange County advisory boards that relate to the BOH strategic plan priorities.

The provided summary is of pertinent actions or information from Orange County advisory boards from November 2014 to January 2015, as available from the boards. Some boards being tracked do not have updates included because they do not pertain to the BOH's priorities or they were not available at the time of the report.

Financial Considerations: None

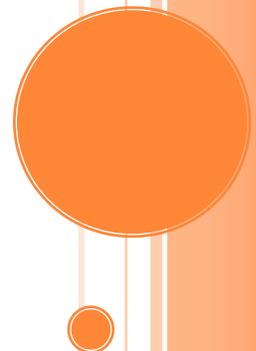
Recommended Action: Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 Accept as information
 Revise & schedule for future action
 Other (detail): Accept as information or direct staff to follow-up as desired by the board

ORANGE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SUMMARY

OCTOBER 2014 – FEBRUARY 2015

Board of Health Engagement

Submitted February 16th, 2015



Quarterly Report

Board of Health Engagement

BOARD	BOH BOARD	SUMMARY
<p>Orange County Schools Board of Education</p>	<p>Access</p>	<p>At the December 8, 2014 meeting, the Board received the report from their ongoing Community Engagement and Strategic Planning Initiative titled Our Community’s Vision For Public Education In Orange County Schools, NC. It is the result of a year-long community conversation about the future needs, goals, and challenges of the Orange County Public School system.</p> <p>The resulting vision statement is: <i>We envision a public school system that prepares and empowers all students to be creative and constructive thinkers and healthy and productive members of our community to the benefit of themselves and our collective future.</i></p>
		<p>At the January 12, 2015 meeting, the Board passed a resolution to support Equal Access for Immigrant Children. Such actions appear to be a trend for several advisory councils in Orange County, including the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Chapel Hill Town Council, and Carrboro Board of Aldermen.</p>
		<p>At the January 12, 2015 meeting, the Board reviewed and approved School Improvement Plans (SIP) for all OCS elementary schools. Of note for the Family Success Alliance gap analysis is the SIP for New Hope Elementary in Zone 4. Their goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing to develop literacy programs for all students, and additional supports for target students. - Creating staff development plans that align vertically with district goals.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing strategies to engage at-risk demographic groups based on gaps in EOG target scores (economically disadvantages and Hispanic). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kindergarten parent prep o Supports for Hispanic families o Community resource availability
<p>Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools Board of Education</p>	<p>Access</p>	<p>At their January 26, 2015 meeting, the Board implemented the living wage increase of \$12.76 per hour. This increases the hourly amount paid to 242 employees.</p> <p>At their February 5, 2015 meeting, the Board approved edits to Policy 3540 – Comprehensive Health Education, which were to address the State Board added “preventable risk for preterm birth” to the reproductive health and safety education curriculum.</p>
<p>Board of County Commissioners</p>	<p>Obesity</p>	<p>The Board continues to receive updates on changes and planned improvements to transportation in Orange County. Recent reports/updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central and Rural Orange County Five Year Bus Service Expansion Program – Orange Public Transportation - Update on Orange County Bus and Rail Improvement Plan <p>The bus service via the Orange-Durham Express (ODX), which began from Durham to Orange in Fall 2014 is slated for expansion to Mebane in early 2015.</p> <p>At their October 14, 2014 joint meeting with the Commission for the Environment, the BOCC received the Orange County State of the Environment 2014 Report. Critical issues included in the report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Important data on the quality and quantity of Orange County’s surface water and groundwater will remain unknown as reductions are made in State-led data collection efforts.” - “If drilling for natural gas begins in the Deep River basin, nearby Orange County residents could

		<p>experience negative impacts to air quality, water quality, and supply, and infrastructure.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We need to do more to improve our air quality, chiefly, by making changes that result in less reliance on cars...”
		<p>At their December 9, 2014 meeting, the Board received a proposal from the Department of Social Services to use \$350,000 from the Social Justice Fund to clear the waiting list for childcare subsidies. The Board approved this request. This leaves \$100,000 remaining in the Social Justice Fund.</p>
<p>Chapel Hill Town Council</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>At their October 1, 2014 work session, the Chapel Hill Town Council continued <u>discussion</u> on the proposed development of Obey Creek. Of note at this session was the presentation of the Fiscal Impact report, which includes a calculation of extending Town services to the new development. While the calculation includes Public Works, Library, Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Transit, and General Government, it notably makes no mention of the health effects or costs of the potential development.</p> <p>At their October 27, 2014 meeting, the Town Council received a report from Chief Blue of the Chapel Hill Police Department and Dr. Bridger in response to a petition received by the Town Council for increased enforcement of the Orange County Smoking Ban. Chief Blue and Dr. Bridger reported on the increasing awareness of the rule over time, as well as the emphasis of both departments on an educational, grass-roots approach to enforcement.</p> <p>At their December 3, 2014 meeting, the Council approved plans to apply for NCDOT funding to assist in preparation of a Pedestrian Plan for expanding pedestrian activity within the community, including facilities, programs, services, and regulations. This plan would complement Chapel Hill’s existing bicycle plan.</p>

		<p>At their January 12, 2015 meeting, the Town Council received a petition by a UNC public health student to prohibit the offering of indoor tanning beds by apartments and other businesses as incentives. In preparation of the presentation, Dr. Bridger submitted a memo on the topic outlining the health risks of tanning beds and supporting the Town Council in taking action to reduce their use.</p> <p>Also at this meeting, the Town of Chapel Hill Human Services Advisory Board presented their 2015-2016 Human Services Needs Report. The report outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The HSAB continues to recommend allocations to agencies that effectively address food assistance, programs servicing youth and families considered at risk, and mental/physical health services for low-income children and adult. - For FY 14-15, the Town allocated \$337,100 for 48 non-profit agencies to address human service needs.
<p>Hillsborough Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>Access</p>	<p>At their November 10, 2014 meeting, the Town of Hillsborough held their employee innovation and customer service awards. Their system is designed to reward individual town employees for innovations that impact cost savings, efficiency, and effectiveness, and that serve as an example for future employee innovations.</p> <p>The awards are listed on pages 6-9 of the agenda here.</p>
<p>Orange Unified Transportation Board (OUTBoard)</p>	<p>Obesity, Access</p>	<p>At their November 29, 2014 meeting, the OUTBoard received recommended changes from staff to the Hillsborough Circulator route for board comment. OUTBoard members discussed the need for bus shelters along the route, and motioned to investigate the feasibility of doing this with funding and zoning concerns.</p> <p>Also at this meeting, the Safe Routes to School Action Plan Advisory Committee was convened and drafted</p>

		<p>goals and objectives for 2015. The committee will focus on engaging the Orange County School Board, begin strengthening the local database of bicycle and pedestrian incidents, explore alternative funding than State and Federal sources, and incorporate recommended policies and regulations into land use ordinances. An OCHD staff representative will serve on the SRTS committee.</p>
		<p>At their November 6, 2014 meeting, the BOCC petitioned for Planning staff to work with the OUTBoard to discuss bicycle safety in the county. At their February 18, 2015 OUTBoard meeting, staff plan to bring together cyclist groups, law enforcement, and transportation advocates to review policies related to pedestrian/bicycle access will be presented at the February 18th OUTBoard meeting.</p>
<p>Healthy Carolinians of Orange County</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Healthy Carolinians Coordinator Ashley Mercer is currently preparing the 2014 State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report. Healthy Carolinians has also begun work planning for community data collection during the 2015 Community Health Assessment process.</p>
<p>Family Success Alliance</p>	<p>Access</p>	<p>On December 16th, the Family Success Alliance selected two pilot zones – Zone 4 and Zone 6 – to begin work in Orange County. The Gap Analysis process is currently underway in these two zones and includes door-to-door surveys, focus groups, and in-depth interviews.</p>