

Meeting Highlights and Action Plan

Topic/ Presenter	Key Points	Action Items <i>Including Responsible Party/Timeline if applicable</i>
Meeting Focus	Community Engagement and Awareness	
Meeting start and stop time	3:00 pm, 4:05 pm	
Attendance	AnnMarie Schmersal (CCCHD) Lori Lambert (CCCHD EC), Rob McKinney (PRC) , Rani Masser (PRC), Danielle Raines (HMG NFP), Rebecca Swearingen (FYI) , Jessica Jamez (FYI), Karen Gilbert (SRMC), Vince Carter (CCCHD), Emily Shaffer (CCCHD, WIC), Gina Burke (FCFC), Kris Tinklenberg (RHC), Ashley Eaton (RHC), Sandy Miller (CCCHD), Caroline Quelette (CCCHD), Geraldeeni Robinson (BC), Elise Brown (SRMC), Ali Lowry (Project Woman), Emily Parons (Project Woman), Kim Wise (CCCHD), Anna Jean Sauter (CCCHD), Niescha Rhodes (McKinley Hall, PIP), Candace Myers (Champaign Co WIC), Moriah Brown (HMG NFP), Ja-Lynn Sowers (RHC), Nina Jackson (MCO), Dr. Krizia Melendez (MCO), Andrea Price (MCO), Joy Rogers (CHF), Nettie Carter-Smith (RHC), Mr. John Upshaw (Promise), Kali Lawrence (Promise), Rochelle Smith (MCO), Eli Williams (Fathering Strong, Urbanlight Ministries)	
Mission and Vision and centering moment	3-3:05 AnnMarie Schmersal reviewed mission and vision for Start Strong Clark County	
Introductions	3:05-3:15 Brief roundtable introductions, announcements and updates	
Overview of current work	<p>Business Sector Update – Gina Burke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring “Family Friendly Employer” category for <i>Best of Springfield</i>. Ongoing collaboration with Chamber of Commerce and Greater Springfield Partnership. Interested partners may contact: fcfcclark@gmail.com 	

	<p>Springfield Promise – Kali Lawrence & John Upshaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting many community events throughout the year; Start Strong committed to support at least three. • Will provide flyers for distribution and opportunities for collaboration. • Emphasis: <i>“Keeping the child at the center.”</i> • Partnering with Urban Light Ministries on Monday night fatherhood support group; increasing church engagement recommended. • Garden manager onboarded; seeking distribution partners for produce. • Noted transportation barriers for families; 2nd Harvest exploring tailored food box options for those with transportation needs. • RHCHC School-Based Health Center uses activity prescriptions (e.g., “Walk in the park three times weekly”). <p>United Way – Thrive to Five Track, see attached flyer. *GRANT cycle is open** Please contact Natalie Driscoll for more information.</p> <p>Contact: ndriscoll@uwccmc.org</p>	<p>[X] Added to Start Strong Strategic Plan, Community Engagement tab section 1A</p> <p>[] Sandy Miller will connect Eli Williams with Faith Community Nursing</p> <p>https://heartbeatgardens.com/</p>
Group discussion	<p>Group Discussion & Brainstorming (3:30–4:00 PM)</p> <p>The group discussed strategies to increase community engagement, resource awareness, and connectivity. Key themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for greater visibility of existing community resources. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in replicating <i>Social Service 101</i> format, possibly with a pregnancy/infant-focused theme (interactive Baby Fair, scavenger hunt, etc.). • Importance of sharing Medicaid value-added benefits; AnnMarie to circulate link. • Increasing garden resource visibility (recipes, maps, OSU EFNEP connections). • Expanding public outreach through social media, Facebook Live, Instagram, etc. • Opportunity to gather community input using the public library's whiteboard. • Clark Preschool's 400 families could be valuable stakeholders for insights. • Need to include additional partners such as daycare providers. 	<p>https://ohfiles.blob.core.windows.net/public/OhioMHWebsite/Documents/Ohio%20Medicaid%20Managed%20Care%20Health%20Plan%20Comparison%202026.pdf</p> <p>[] SAVE the DATE April 25th is the annual minority health fair.</p>
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Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule, all meetings 3-4pm except NOV/ DEC combined meeting will be 2:30-4pm: 2026 Full Coalition Meeting topics
 FEB 9, Subcommittees working meeting
 March 9: Preterm birth prevention- MCO and CHW updates
 April 13, subcommittees working meeting
 May 11: Fatherhood updates

June 8, subcommittees working meeting
 July 13: subcommittees working meeting
 AUG 17, Teen Pregnancy
 September: BF/ Safe Sleep: Birthing Center updates
 OCT 19 subcommittees working meeting
 Nov/Dec: extended roundtable updates, subcommittee reports