**Vermillion – Parke Health Coalition**

**Zoom Meeting – June 3, 2021 – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Attended:** Jennifer Buell, Allison Finzel, Antonia Sawyer, Kathy Clifford, Mary Margaret Rhees, Mindy Duckett, Elaine Pastore, Larry Addison, Kurt Smith, Amber Smith, Lynne Brewer, Jeffrey Galbraith, Kris Aninger, Sara Bain, Crystal O’Donnell, Sara Bain, Cole Stewart, Aliya Amin, Samantha Mundt, Amanda Small, Kim Wickens, Judi Barnes, Lori Bouslog, Gail Wright

Lori Bouslog opened the meeting.

Introductions

Notes from the last meeting attached to email. Approved.

**PRESENTATION “Food Insecurity in Vermillion and Parke Counties” –** Jennifer Buell, Catholic Charities

* Presentation attached.

**WORKING GROUPS** – Lori Bouslog

* **Food Insecurity** - Allison Finzel noted the Food Distribution for school-age over summer; letters were sent home to back pack program; volunteers needed for the Vermillion County distribution on June 22nd from 11 am to 1 pm at SVHS. Mindy Duckett noted in Parke this program will not be utilized as Parke Co. received a Phase 3 OCRA grant and received $250,000 to use to assist with food insecurity in the next year. A Food Security Alliance has been formed.
* **Connecting Health Care** - Larry Addison - no report
* **Resource Manual** - Lori noted she sent resources to this group. Lynne Brewer said the resources were very helpful and they will be meeting to go through and compile

**SUGGESTED SPEAKERS** – Lori Bouslog

* Jeffrey Galbraith from CareSource said he would be happy to present on Medicaid and Marketplace
* It was noted that we had considered Thrive West Central; Lori stated she talked with Jessica - and will check on her availability

**ORGANIZATION SHARE:** Everyone

* Allison Finzel noted that Thrive West Central is holding a Zoom open forum discussion on needs of Vermillion County later today. Lynne Brewer noted the link is on their facebook page. The link will be sent out
* Amber Smith stated the community garden going well. They received extra tomato plants and a mystery plant. Kurt noted Master Gardener will meet there next week. People are already signing up for next year. Judi Barnes would like to do nutrition education.

Lori Bouslog stated the next meeting will be on

**August 5th, AT 10 AM**