**Vermillion – Parke Health Coalition**

**In Person Meeting – November 17 2022 – 12 p.m. to 1p.m.**

Lori Bouslog opened the meeting.

Notes from the last meeting attached to email. Approved.

**WORKING GROUPS** – Lori Bouslog

* **Food Insecurity** – Mindy Duckett has moved on to new counties and Allison is looking for a co-chair
* **Connecting Health Care** - survey results are coming
* **Resource Manual -** make sure your info is correct on 211
* **Poverty Workgroup** - the poverty simulation was canceled due to lack of attendees. Hoping to get more people interested and reschedule during a teachers in-service day.

**CONNECTIONS IN HEALTH**  - Karen Hinshaw asked everyone in the room to think about one positive thing that has happened this year. One challenge that we’re seeing and one thing we can accomplish in the coming year. One thing per working group.

Group answers -

One positive thing – Connecting with people in the group, learning what they do. Talk about resources. Collaboration is awesome. Working groups Learned what resources are out there.

Challenge - Not everyone knows how connect with VA. Obesity rate went up over Covid. People need to access more water/pools. Maybe using high school pools. Community needs to be aware of the programs available. Lack of motivation. Mental health – awareness, resources, stigma, services that we have are overloaded.

Going forward should we pick one of the challenges and have each group work on that together?

**Meeting for next year -** We have met the first Thursday of odd months at 10 AM is that still good?

Everyone believes that will work and that a hybrid format is the best.

**Locations -** Idea was discussed the each organization can host a meeting. Ideas - The library in Newport and Clinton. We have more partners in Vermilion County than we do in Parke county. Makes sense that we keep the meetings in Vermillion County.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS** FOR NEXT YEAR– Please, email Lori

**ORGANIZATION SHARE:** -

April Cash – She works to enroll families in Medicaid will come and help people get signed up for health insurance. The homeless council of the Wabash Valley works in more than Vigo County. They also work in the surrounding counties.

Larry Addison – he is working with the CADI group. He is the heart healthy advocate hoping to find a business to partner with.

Allison Finzel - Catholic charities food bank reaches all the surrounding counties.

Lori Bouslog - Mental health Vermillion Parke client consultation board. Schools did not know or have a place to call to help students in crisis. How can we make connections with the schools.

Next meeting January 5 10 AM Valley professionals in Clinton.