**Vermillion – Parke Health Coalition**

**Hybrid Meeting – January 5, 2023 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Attended in-person:** Larry Addison, Mary Margaret Rhees, Becky Myers, Angie Burgess, Allison Finzel, Lori Bouslog

**Attended via Zoom:** Antonia Sawyer, Karen Hinshaw, Aliya Amin, Maci Valdez, Elaine Pastore, April Cash, Cassemdreia O-Neal, Janet Baker, Sylvia Maixner, Andy Jones, Jeff Galbraith, Julie Petit, Danny Wayne Beemer, Leslie Gackle, Beth Evans, Gail Wright

Lori Bouslog opened the meeting.

Notes from the last meeting will be sent at a later time.

**GUEST SPEAKER –** Angie Burgess, District 7 Healthcare Coalition, Emergency Preparedness – Readiness & Response Coordinator ( email: [district7iac@gmail.com](mailto:district7iac@gmail.com) ).

* Presentation is attached. Contact if interested in attending a coalition meeting. Next meeting is at Ivy Tech Main Campus in Vigo County on February 16, 2023 at 10 a.m. They meet quarterly. Although, Vermillion and Parke are represented at the coalition – more participation is needed.

**WORKING GROUPS** – Lori Bouslog

* **Food Insecurity** –Allison Finzel noted recent tour of Gleaners in Indianapolis. She discussed grant to provide produce, BP monitors, and scales to seniors through Thrive West Central. She is working to learn more. Seniors in the community would need to call and sign-up for program. Discussion on congregate meal sites, Hillcrest and other food pantry sites took place by group. Sara Bain noted Hillcrest is not closed. A new clothes closet is opening on S. 3rd Street in Clinton. They are also taking hygiene and baby items – but no food. Brittany MacClaren is the contact.
* **Connecting Health Care** - Larry Addison stated no updates. Planning to meet and rejuvenate goals in 2023.
* **Resource Manual** – Sylvia stated they are still encouraging all to update information in 211. They have not met – but will meet soon to plan next steps.
* **Poverty Workgroup** - Mary Margaret Rhees reported that the Poverty Simulation training by all groups requires 60 participants. The group would like to plan for Fall and work with school systems in Parke and Vermillion to provide Professional Development in-service opportunity.

**LONG-TERM GOALS FOR VERMILLION PARKE HEALTH COALITION** – Lori Bouslog

* Lori noted the coalition’s broad goals are Education, Advocacy, and Collaboration. After discussing the start of coalition and interviews with Vermillion County stakeholders began after receiving a grant from Connections in Health, she noted in November the group had talked about how those goals would be addressed in 2023. One area noted was to continue to connect organizations and resources.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS**

* March speaker will be on Behavioral Health from Valley Professionals
* May speaker will be from United Way Impact Council
* Antonio Sawyer would like to present on findings from food system study in July

**ORGANIZATION SHARE:** Everyone

* Thrive West Central is now at full capacity. Referrals are coming in – and are a little backed up. Please, continue to send those referrals.

Lori Bouslog stated the next meeting will be HYBRID on

**March 2nd** (Valley Professionals, Clinton, or Zoom)