

Health Proposed Zone Blitz Initiatives

- 1.) Research, design and begin implementation of a Springfield Public Schools Social Worker program.
 - a. Explore pilot programs in other areas (i.e. St. Louis, MO) and develop a plan to fund and implement program.
 - b. Assignment of social workers in Zone 1 would be recommended to be per school for continuity and capacity to fully support project.
 - c. Along with this resource, the development of a provider support network (specifically behavioral and mental health providers would be necessary to ensure access in a timely manner for constituents).
*Explore the possibility of integrating students into this project to supply demand as well as provide practicum experience.

- 2.) Develop and implement a plan to ensure coordination of health care services.
 - a. Suggested to be led by SGCHD Community Health Advocate program in coordination with other Community Health Worker programs (OCH, and others).
 - b. Further coordinated Community Health Needs Assessment (currently in progress among community health care partners and spear headed by SGCHD) with specific attention on Zone 1 needs.
 - c. Development of a community resource list to be shared and used by all health care and other social service entities. (SPS has begun this process.)
 - d. Coordination of the community paramedic programs in development.

**Transportation challenges/solutions/identification of resources should be a concentration and priority area in this area.

- 3.) Health focus on diabetes prevention.
 - a. Prevalence of diabetes in students and adults continues to rise.
 - b. Support food access initiatives in Zone 1 areas.
 - c. Education in the area of healthy foods and practical preparation and consumption.