Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Meeting Agenda
March 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM
Cove Community Center – Conference Room (12525 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107)

I. Meeting Called to Order

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

III. Report to City Council Health and Human Services Committee

- Date: March 23 at 6:00 PM
- Committee Members: Strebig (Chair), Bixenstine, Steiner
- Determine who can attend

IV. Updated Framework (See Page 3)

CHAT will reorganize around an updated conceptual framework. Rather than holding CHAT accountable for achieving specific outcomes directly, the team will focus on:

- **Convening and coordinating** across city departments, schools, foundations, and community organizations.
- **Identifying community health needs** as they emerge, informed by the CHNA framework.
- **Advocating for action** on priority issues.
- **Networking among community partners** and sharing diverse perspectives to facilitate collaborative work.
- **Maintaining critical infrastructure** like the Community Resource Guide that requires cross-sector oversight.

V. 2026 Priorities – Status and What is Emerging?

- **Maintain the Community Resource Guide** as critical infrastructure connecting residents to available resources
- **Sustain critical coordination links between member organizations** in support of continuing to advance the above transitioned items, as well as other community health issues, as may be brought to the team by member organizations
- **Support emerging priority areas**, including:
  - Early Learning Center planning and transition, involving key stakeholders in collaborative conversation to overcome entrenched thinking
  - LGBTQ+ resources and support, determining how to move forward collectively, and community-centered support for youth
  - Sustainable approaches to supportive programming that provide equitable access to opportunities for all families
- **Meet quarterly** to discuss coordination of key topics, with working groups self-organizing to carry specific projects forward as needed

- Use the CHNA as the reference point to inform decision-making and build upon it as the group identifies additional community needs
- Plan to conduct a 5-year update to the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) or choose an alternative method to provide an update/reassessment of community health starting in 2027.

VI. Draft Work Plan

- **Q1 (March)** – Updates; Identify key priority issues; Prep for City Council presentation
- **Q2 (May)** – Community Resource Guide – final draft; summer feeding and other updates
- **Q3 (September)** –
- **Q4 (November)** – Determine need/format for 2027 CHNA update

VII. Next Steps

- Schedule next meeting

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STRUCTURE FOR 2026

Priority	Recommended Responsible Organization (s)	Key Issues for Collaboration	Key Partner Organization(s)	Recommended Oversight
Access to Behavioral Health	Dept. of Human Services (City)	Behavioral health coordination – across city departments, institutions, and non-profits	Lakewood City Schools, Three Arches Foundation, Roundtable members	Mayor, Director of Human Services
Food Access	Dept. of Human Services (City), Lakewood City Schools	Community Eligibility Program (CEP) and summer feeding programs	Lakewood Community Services Center, Healthy Lakewood Foundation	Superintendent, Board of Education, Director of Human Services
Community Resource Guide	Healthy Lakewood Foundation	Functionality, increasing accessibility, and usage	Dept. of Human Services (City), Lakewood-based non-profits, Lakewood City Schools	CHAT Governance Committee
Adaptive and Middle-School Programming	Lakewood Recreation Department	Expanding and funding adaptive programming	Lakewood Recreation Dept., Lakewood YMCA, Empower Sports, Connecting for Kids	Superintendent, Board of Education
Housing	Dept. of Planning & Development (City)	Affordable housing strategy action items	Dept. of Building and Housing and Dept. (City), Human Services (City), Lakewood Community Services Center, LakewoodAlive, Barton Communities	Mayor, City Council