Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Cove Community Center – Conference Room (12525 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107)

Attendees: Dave Baas, Kristin Broadbent, Lisa Bruening, Laura Jaissle, Stephanie Morgan, Mark Walter, and Kate Ingersoll

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 AM.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

On a motion and second, the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Introductions - Dr. Stephanie Morgan, Director of Student Services

The team welcomed Dr. Morgan, who provided background on her extensive experience in student services. Dr. Morgan trained as a school psychologist and has held leadership positions, including serving as Director of Student Services in Westlake for 14 years and as Student Services Director in Brunswick for 3 years. Additionally, Dr. Morgan participates in a recreation committee in Westlake, bringing a valuable perspective on community programming.

Lisa Bruening's last day as Lakewood City Schools Director of Student Services is July 31. The team expressed their gratitude and appreciation for her partnership on CHAT and her work on behalf of the district during her tenure.

IV. Review of June Meeting Outcomes

The team reviewed key decisions made during the June meeting. The group reaffirmed that accountability mechanisms and cross-institutional collaboration represent core features of CHAT's approach.

Building on these principles, the team has refined its focus for 2025, identifying five key priority areas that are both impactful and feasible to implement within the current year.

V. 2025 Strategic Priorities

The team confirmed its commitment to five primary areas of focus for 2025. The first priority centers on improving access to behavioral health services, with particular emphasis on integrating social work support into first responder and neighborhood partnership programs.

Food access represents the second major priority, with efforts concentrated on increasing participation in school lunch programs and expanding summer feeding initiatives throughout the community. These programs address critical nutritional needs, particularly during periods when traditional school-based support may not be available.

The third priority involves updating and maintaining the Community Resource Guide. The team is developing a revised edition with plans for ongoing updates to ensure community members have access to current and comprehensive information about available services and support.

Adaptive and middle-school programming forms the fourth priority area, with strategic focus on expanding adaptive and inclusive programs throughout the community. The team acknowledged the importance of managing affordability concerns to ensure these recreation programs remain accessible to all families who need them.

Housing initiatives represent the fifth and final priority, with the team reporting ongoing progress across multiple action steps in this critical area of community need.

VI. City Council Report

The team discussed plans for presenting their work to the City Council, with a draft report targeted for completion by mid-September. This presentation will serve as both an informational update and a teaching opportunity, highlighting increased community needs resulting from federal programming cuts. The report will also address how Human Services is realigning staff resources to better serve the community under these changing circumstances.

VII. Next Steps

Looking ahead, the team agreed to establish a quarterly meeting schedule to maintain momentum on their initiatives. Kate will share the Center for Community Solutions fact sheet, two City Council reports, and the Community Resource Guide with Dr. Morgan. Kate will also provide Laura with additional resource guide postcards and draft an outline for the City Council report.

The team's outreach efforts will extend to both the Board of Education and City Council, ensuring broad institutional awareness of CHAT's activities.

Dr. Morgan will be introduced and provide time for community feedback at an upcoming public meeting scheduled for August 18 at Taft.

Approved 30 OCT 2025

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