

## **Public Comments received via email to Staff regarding the Draft Revisions to the Community Health Element (CHE)**

Staff Kathleen Pagan contacted some health professionals (not currently part of HCAB) to share the CHE Draft Policy Update and received these replies-

### **From Diane Dimperio November 14, 2018:**

[Staff Note: Diane Dimperio worked on the 2011 CHE as a DOH employee]

Kathleen- The Health Component of the Comp plan is excellent and well written. I made just a few comments more as a compliment than any overwhelming need to improve the document. But I know when I wrote long documents I was always gratified to find someone read the whole thing. I do not expect you to respond in any specific way to my comments.

(Diane Dimperio's Suggestion for Revision)

Goal- Promote health and eliminate disparities by considering health in development of policies and plans related to services and the built environment: facilitating access and quality of health care services and improving the livability of the community including opportunities for active for active living.

1.1.1 (1 and 2)do you mean the County departments or community wide (3) do you mean agencies?

1.1.3 services

1.1.4 Do you mean clinics offered by the ACHD- That is how this will be interpreted. Or do you meant clinics which offer care to low income/uninsured populations?

1.3.3.2 Address programs funded by children's trust funding include emphasis on health and weight management?

1.3.3.3 redundant to prior policies?

1.6.2 HPW did you define this somewhere?

1.8.1 Alachua County residents

1.8.5 Do you want to add a policy about educating dental providers serving rural populations using well water to supplement with Fl

1.4 Do you want to add something about the used of the new tax for school upgrades will include consideration of health and activity?

**Staff Note: In a follow up phone conversation, staff discussed that the new proposed Goal and policies are based on the Health Equity definition and the goal reflects this approach. Diane Dimperio expressed agreement, so no revision is recommended by Staff based on the comments above.**

**From Dr. Theresa Beachy | Exec. Director; Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Inc.,  
November 19, 2018:**

Not sure if it would be possible, but adding a policy under Objective 1.2 – Develop and maintain ongoing County programs and infrastructure designed to support sustainable community health—that addresses safety. Something like this:

Identify and support community based programs and services that address health risks resulting from abuse, poverty, homelessness, and untreated medical conditions. Encourage collaboration between existing partners, prioritize funding initiatives, and organize community resources to intervene for vulnerable individuals to create a comprehensive safety net.

**Staff Note: This suggestion has been added to the draft Policy 1.9.1. (under a new Obj. regarding poverty reduction). Dr. Beachy agreed with this placement via email reply. If amended per Dr. Beachy’s comment, Policy 1.9.1. would read as follows:**

CHE Policy 1.9.1. Encourage coordinated service delivery for food, housing, transportation, health and dental care, and other basic necessities for people and families in need, including support of the safety net. Identify and support community based programs and services that address health risks resulting from abuse, poverty, homelessness, and untreated medical conditions. Encourage collaboration between existing partners, prioritize funding initiatives, and organize community resources to intervene for vulnerable individuals to create a comprehensive safety net.