

Community Themes and Strengths: Open-Ended Questions to Committee

1. What do you believe are the 2-3 most important characteristics of a healthy community?

- Adequate access to services
- Collaboration and coordination of services within community (including healthcare, parks, social services, etc.)
- Economically vibrant
- Community considering health a priority
- Absence of disease
- Space for addiction services
- Connectivity (neighborhoods, community groups, neighborhoods)
- Access to outdoor recreation spaces
- Engaged community members
- Access to affordable and plentiful primary/preventive care
- Availability of basic resources (housing, education, transportation)
- Knowledge and education regarding resources across all sectors
- Low incidence of chronic health conditions

2. What makes you most proud of our community?

- Sense of community
- Availability and quality of resources
- Collaboration
- Parks
- Libraries
- Schools
- Relationship between community and leaders
- #1 healthiest county in Ohio
- Great organizations
- Transparency
- Parks/outdoor spaces
- Culture of social responsibility

3. What are some specific examples of people or groups working together to improve the health and quality of life in our community?

- Health District
- Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County
- Family and Children First Council
- Chamber of Commerce
- Creating Healthy Communities
- Drug Free Delaware
- SourcePoint
- Schools and local agencies
- Hunger Alliance
- Volunteerism within Delaware County
- Main Street Delaware
- Strengthening Families
- City of Delaware
- Service coordination in Delaware City
- Crisis Response Team
- Mental Health Board and SourcePoint providing in-home mental health care

4. What do you believe are the 2-3 most important issues that must be addressed to improve the health and quality of life in our community?

- Substance abuse
- Addiction services
- Dental health
- Domestic violence
- Housing
- Access to public transportation
- Emergency mental health services
- Support for addiction
- Chronic disease
- Availability of services to low income communities
- Affordable housing
- Ability to measure outcomes to drive hot spot interventions
- Localized opportunities to family-oriented activities
- Improve awareness of resource availability
- Early intervention for those in crisis

5. What do you believe is keeping our community from doing what needs to be done to improve health and quality of life?

- Funding
- Volunteers/community involvement
- Lack of awareness
- Issues are not a quick fix
- Resistance to change
- Too busy or unwillingness to think outside the box
- Perception that health issues are not happening in Delaware County
- Lack of transportation
- Population growth
- Lack of education and recognition of community needs
- Limited involvement from surrounding communities
- Obstacles to access including affordable transportation

6. What actions, policy, or funding priorities would you support to build a healthier community?

- Create/promote community coalitions that are all encompassing
- Focus on prevention
- More money to support infrastructure for green space and trails
- Health equity and equal access to basic needs
- Addiction
- Transportation initiatives
- Healthy food access
- Funding innovative technology
- Identify better process for mental health and addiction crisis intervention

7. What would excite you enough to become involved (or more involved) in improving our community?

- Community leaders making a call to action
- Ability to take action and implement an action step personally
- Sharing/communicating results more often
- Marketing opportunities
- Meaningful and impactful work
- Seeing results
- More community member involvement/ability to understand their voices
- Continued collaboration