

PIKE COUNTY CONNECTIONS

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The Pike County Community Health Partnership Newsletter



December 2011

2011 in Review

Look what happens when we work together!

January

- Pike County Mass Transit becomes operational. Over 1400 one way trips covering 8900 miles were made in January. In November, just 9 months later, 1648 one way trips, 596 of which were to destinations outside of Pittsfield, were made covering 15,184 miles.

West Central
Mass Transit
285-4529

March

- A Drive Thru Colorectal Cancer Screening is held at Illini Community Hospital.
- Diabetes Alert Day is sponsored by Pike County Health Department.
- "Hands-on-Health Fair is co-sponsored by Illini Community Hospital and Pittsfield High School.
- The Access Food Program contributes 15,430 pounds of ground venison to local food pantries.

April

- Pike County Health Department receives a \$400,000 grant from Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation to open a safety net dental clinic.
- Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County announces plans for a Consolidated Health Complex. The Complex expects to provide space for the safety net dental clinic, Pike County Health Department, and other health and human service agencies serving Pike County.
- The Pike County Community Health Directory debuts on the web at www.healthypikeil.org.



May

- Rotary Alcohol and Prevention Day, a collaborative effort of many county entities and underwritten by the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County, is held.

September

- The ATOD Task Force regroupes to begin work on the fall campaign, "Start School Smart".
- The Pike County Senior Expo, underwritten by Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County, is held.

October

- "This One's for the Ghouls" Fun Run/Walk is held at Pine Lakes. Educational information was provided by Illini Therapy & Fitness, Illini Community Hospital's Imaging Department, and Pike County Health Department.
- The Pike County Skate Park is completed and dedicated.



November

- PCCHP Annual Member Meeting is held in the Red Apple Room. Details on page 2.
- PCCHP begins planning the 2012 Health Fair.

Pike County Community Health Partnership's 2011 Annual Member Meeting

The Pike County Community Health Partnership's annual member meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15th, in the Red Apple Room at Old Orchard country Club with 39 community partners present.

During the short business meeting, the membership approved bylaws revisions and elected PACT Head Start to fill the At-large term ending September 30, 2013. PACT Head Start has designated Becky Niewohner to be it's representative on the Steering Committee. Steering Committee reorganization has moved Two Rivers RC&D to a full Steering Committee membership. RC&D representatives are Brenda Middendorf and Christa Perkins. University of Illinois Extension, Pike County, is filling the At-large term ending September 30, 2012. The Extension's representative is Kristin Huls. Jan Bleich updated the membership on oral health. This report was followed with an update on West Central Mass Transit by Brenda Middendorf and Stephanie Dehart.

After the business meeting, a panel of six area professionals provided an overview of the current health care environment from the perspective of long term care, public health, the local medical community, mental health, and care coordination.

The speakers included Anita Andress, Administrator of Pike County Health Department, regarding public health, Pat Hubbard, Administrator of Barry Community Care Center, and Debbie Belt, VP Education, Illinois Health Care Association, regarding long-term care; Dr. Paul Hibbard, Quincy Medical Group, representing the local medical community, Roxie Oliver, Executive Director of the Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois, regarding mental health, Pat Schou, representing the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network; Connie Schroeder, VP Innovation & Integration, Blessing Health Systems, regarding care coordination.

Guest Panelists:



Anita Andress, PCHD



Roxie Oliver, MHCWI, Dr. Paul Hibbert, QMG,
Debbie Belt, IL Healthcare Assoc., and Pat Hubbard,
Barry Community Care Center



Pat Schou, IL Critical Access
Hospital Association



Debbie Belt, IL Healthcare Assoc.,
Pat Hubbard, Barry Community Care Center, and
Roxie Oliver, MHCWI



Dr. Paul Hibbert, QMG



Connie Schroeder, Blessing Corporate Services

Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County (HWFPC)

Establishes Allan A. Seiler Fitness and Wellness Scholarship



Patricia McIntosh, Executive Director of the Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County announced the Foundation has received a six thousand dollar (\$6000) donation from the Echo Pike Group, who had hoped to build a family fitness center in Pittsfield. The donation of half of the remaining assets of the Echo Pike group was given with the specification that the funds go toward establishing a scholarship.

“We are deeply honored to have received this most generous gift from the Echo Pike Group and feel in an era of rising educational costs our Pike County students can greatly benefit from the availability of the Allan A. Seiler Fitness and Wellness Scholarship,” stated McIntosh. “We think this is a fitting tribute to Mr. Seiler’s efforts to bring new fitness resources to the County.”

Applications will be accepted in the spring of the year for the Seiler Scholarship, and graduating Pike County seniors who desire to pursue a career in a fitness or wellness related occupation are encouraged to apply. The Seiler Scholarship will be offered in conjunction with their existing **John S. Teuscher Health Occupation Scholarship**, established in 2005, which helps graduating Pike County seniors who are pursuing degrees in health-related professions or individuals who are in currently in the workplace and seeking training in a health profession.

Kent Hawley, past president of the Echo Pike group said of the donation to HWFPC, “Al Seiler was a strong advocate for health and wellness and in making Pike County a better place to live. Hopefully, through this scholarship, that advocacy will continue through the education and training of Pike County people about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Echo Pike is pleased to be a part of it.”

In November an additional \$500 donation was received from Anne Seiler Pettygrove, daughter of the late Al Seiler. Of the Foundation’s intentions Pettygrove said, “Dad would be so totally pleased to know of the Allan A. Seiler Scholarship and that its recipients would be concentrating on health-related careers. The Echo Pike group was important to Dad and he had a vision that just never quite happened... but, I can tell you he would be thrilled to see the work the Health and Wellness Foundation is doing and planning for Pike County and its residents.” Following Seiler’s retirement from active newspaper publishing, he became instrumental in the Echo Pike Group and their work toward establishing a fitness facility in Pittsfield. Of her father, Pettygrove went on to say, “Dad was quite a proponent of fitness and healthy living, as evidenced, perhaps, by the wonderfully long life he lived. In fact, well into his 93rd year, he still used his stationary bike, his rowing machine and his treadmill every other day of the week!”

Steering Committee Members:

Katie Wilson & Karen Epley

Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois, Pike County location

Brenda Middendorf & Christa Perkins

Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Area

Patricia McIntosh

Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County

Kathy Hull & Jennifer Mowen

Illini Community Hospital

Anita Address & Jan Bleich

Pike County Health Department

At-Large Steering Committee Members:

Kristin Huls

University of Illinois Extension, Pike County

Becky Niewohner

PACT Headstart

PIKE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Vision: *That all enjoy the highest degree of health, wellness, and quality of life possible.*

Mission: *To collaboratively strengthen the health and wellness of those served in Pike County.*

Community Partners:

PCCHP membership has been busy! Since the Partnership's creation in 2006, over thirty health and human services organizations, agencies and community leaders have collaborated to help create new programs that enhance existing health services and outreach. Below are just a few of our accomplishments during the Partnership's first five years:

- Awarded HRSA Grant in 2008, this grant enabled a county-wide health needs assessment and the development of a strategic plan based on Pike County's health priorities.
- Won Women Out Walking Grant and Ticket for the Cure Grant from Illinois Department of Public Health to provide women's health educational programming.
- Advanced the county-wide public transportation and oral health care initiatives addressing identified needs of Pike County's underserved population
- Received national recognition from the Rural Health Association (RHA) in 2010 distinguishing PCCHP as the "Outstanding Rural Health Program"

But... for the Partnership to continue to collaborate, communicate and connect health needs with vital programming and interventions – *we need your help!* Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Pike County Community Health Partnership. Your support will help make it possible for the Partnership to perform this vital role in Pike County for another year.

Thank you in advance for your support and helping us to continue the efforts of the Pike County Community Health Partnership.

Sincerely,

The Pike County Community Health Partnership Steering Committee

Yes!

I want to support the Pike County Community Health Partnership.

Please accept my donation of:

- _____ \$25.00
_____ \$50.00
_____ \$100.00
_____ \$250.00
_____ Other

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ *Please contact me to find out more about Pike County Community Health Partnership!*
