

Community Health and Housing

Missing Goals

1. Skilled labor for building and maintenance is in demand but under available
2. City and county need to identify uninhabitable homes and buy them back
3. Income discrimination is still an issue and needs to be addressed within housing programs
4. Figure out ways to get lower income tenants/landlords in the suburbs (incentive?)
5. Get towns to create/allow low-income housing developments
6. Assess zoning codes in municipalities to identify barriers to affordable housing
7. Affordable housing quotas
8. Accessory dwelling units – perception, concerns about home values from neighbors help people understand benefits of different housing affordability issues
9. Income – county minimum wage should be a livable wage
10. Simplify systems – eligibility for programs could be streamlined (HHS)
11. Skilled workers are needed – not going to college is okay and there is high demand for skilled labor – perception needs to change and programs are available
12. Understand mindset shift in how people think about work
13. Provide hope by saying what the county is doing about climate change
14. Understand housing demand and buyer preference
15. Define what the community is building for: now? 15 years from now?
 - a. Safe, affordable apartments? Homes people can buy and building generational wealth?
16. Safety
17. Trauma recovery
18. Building neighborhoods
19. Strategies for behavior – besides mental health
20. Healthy home education – training opportunities for renters and homeowners
21. Rate of poverty:
 - a. Low-income POC city
 - b. Low-income white old
22. Reduce violence
23. Rebuilding neighbors
24. Replace funding bandwidth

Missing Priorities

1. Consider poverty
2. Consider disabled population and focus on accessibility
3. Walkability and access to parks etc.
 - a. Active transportation approaches
4. Address old housing stock from a health and safety perspective
5. Strategic plan for Monroe community hospital – nursing home beds backlog
6. Address housing discrimination by income
7. Integration and communication between groups working on the same thing (and get resources to where they are most needed)

8. Focus on prevention = cheaper and bigger impact
9. Address substance abuse issues
10. Public health preparation for next epidemic
11. Housing/mental health issues – evictions are an issue
12. Remember that tenants and housing providers often have similar or complimentary goals
13. Advocacy plan to the state
 - a. Understand and record state barriers that prevent needed development and then advocate for needed changes

Open Discussion

1. Water pipes should be a low priority for Monroe County
2. Funding reduction in the past few years: County leg. Cut funds for lead detection & abatement
3. When developing strategies, it needs coordination with the City – City County partnership should be emphasized
4. Language barrier for mental health services
5. Services to maintain homes include aging in place or disability adaptive remodel – provide assistance for staying in existing homes
6. Vision for more immigration: requires better translation services
7. Sustainable housing: ordinance for new build to be energy efficient; retrofit existing homes for more universal design/more accessible
8. Use/leverage existing data: looking at birth rate and age cohorts (high school and retirement ages) to identify needs. It would be helpful to see data on health home results in health benefits. Other data would be helpful: AARP, Common Ground Health
9. Accessible to transportation and destination
10. Tackle vacant housing: functioning land bank
11. Incentive it: cost of repair is greater than the cost of the house
12. City School System – need to fix that in order to attract families live in the City
13. Old people of color is a high concentration of poverty
14. Need to fix public transportation: not reliable and accessible
15. Education to promote a healthy lifestyle: chronic disease management and prevention; walking club, access to healthy foods
16. Identify education solutions
 1. Chicken and egg solution
17. Alignments with local communities; service delivery
18. Chronic disease – preventative
19. Education/healthy habits/culturally responsive
20. Absentee landlords
21. Foreclosed property
22. Behavioral health issues:
 1. Touch on opioids
 2. Basic home management/education
 3. Education
 4. Renter/homeowner skills

5. Systems
6. Community-wide resident services
7. Helps people b/c connected – 211
8. Case management/wrap around services/
9. Translation services / services fail to connect
10. Can't build our way out
11. Maintain/upgrade
12. Working to fill gaps to services
13. Time for disability services
14. Universal access for translation services