



# ACTION TEAM MINUTES



## ACCESS TO CARE WORKGROUP

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**Date: 1/21/22**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Location: Zoom Call**

### Attendees

Sylvia Mitchell, Kathryn Correll, Olga Semenova, Lisa Hahn, Nicole Odom, Erica Willemsen, Theresa Brooks, Kelsey Merz, Dr. Russell Faust, Christie Clement, Lauren Fink, Maurice Cummings, Anna Whitaker, Tradina Taylor, Kate Guzman, Susana Jackiewicz, Chaka McDonald, Liz Cszimadia, Lindsay TerHaar, Theresa Krell, Kate Rettler, Jessica Williams

**Healthy Pontiac, We Can! (HPWC) Strategic Plan:** Jessica Williams, Oakland County Health Division

HPWC conducts a Pontiac Community Survey every 3 years to learn more about what Pontiac residents felt was important to help make their community healthier. [The 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan](#) is a proposed guide for coalition work moving forward. In the strategic plan, HPWC outlined goals related to accessing healthcare. Jessica Williams, co-chair of HPWC presented the plan and discussed possible ways HPWC and Access to Care Workgroup could potentially work together in the future. Below are the goals outlined in their strategic plan:

1. Help develop collective map/lists of key locations to access healthcare (List of Health Clinics, FQHC's, Hospitals, Provider Offices, Community Clinics, Health Department Services, non-profits involved in healthcare, etc.)
2. Partner with local agencies to bring health education classes for prevention to the community
3. Enhance communication strategies and develop communication plan with partner organizations to increase awareness/utilization of nutrition, physical activity, and community health programs and services
4. Support and advocate for maternal and infant health (pregnancy support, breastfeeding, healthy lifestyles, postpartum support)

**Harm Reduction & Syringe Services:** Sylvia Mitchell, Oakland County Health Division

- Helping people who use drugs make healthier choices to prevent overdoses, HIV and Hepatitis C.
  - FREE & confidential STI, rapid HIV, and rapid Hepatitis C testing
  - Referral and linkage to substance use treatment
  - Overdose education and Narcan kits
  - FREE condoms, sterile syringes, injecting drug equipment, & disposal services



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- Referral and linkage to medical care and prevention, including HIV PrEP, nPEP and treatment of Hepatitis C
- Education and risk reduction counseling
- Peer Support Coach Services
- Assistance with Medicaid enrollment
- Basic wound care
- FREE hygiene supplies
- Community resources
- Food bank

Please refer to the attached PowerPoint, or visit the [Harm Reduction & Syringe Services webpage](#) for more information.

## **COVID-19 Update:** Lauren Fink, Oakland County Health Division

- For quarantine and isolation guidance, visit <https://www.oakgov.com/covid/best-practices/sick-caring/Pages/self-monitor-quarantine-isolation.aspx> for the most up to date information.
- Oakland County has expanded drive-through COVID-19 testing sites because of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. Sites are available Monday-Thursday, alternating between Southfield, Pontiac, and Rochester.
- Federal Government's free COVID-19 testing program
  - [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) went live this week
  - No additional information beyond name, address, and email (optional) should be requested and people should be suspicious of requests for SS#, DOB, or credit card information
  - Every household can get 4 free tests shipped to them
- Private Insurance:
  - Starting January 15, private insurers will be required to cover up to eight FDA-approved over the counter COVID-19 tests per month for each person covered by a health plan

***Next Meeting: March 18, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.***