



## Steering Committee Meeting Highlights | 8 November 2018, 12:00 pm

### Gulf Coast Community Design Studio:

David Perkes, Director and Professor of Architecture; Tracy Wyman, Landscape Architect and Healthy Communities Liaison

### Members in Attendance:

**Stephen Deal**, *Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant*; **Julie Egressy**, *Mercy Housing*, **Jodi Ryder**, *YMCA*, **Greg Wilson**, *Coastal Family Health*, **Toni Richardson**, *Mississippi State Department of Health*, **Andrea Francway**, *Climb CDC*

### Agenda Items (in bold)

- 1. Grants/Funding Opportunities Added:** Please send suggestions throughout the month, especially open-ended or annually recurring. Julie Egressy reported from a recent *Invest Health* convening funding trends for the State of Massachusetts include the State providing the required match for RWJF place-making grants.
- 2. Update on Mayoral Health Councils:**
  - The MSDH plans to release the Mayoral Health Council Toolkit during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.
  - The ExCHANGE will present at the upcoming MPO Annual Meeting on December 14. This will be an opportunity to update city leaders on the direction of the Community EXCHANGE, introduce the upcoming efforts toward establishing Mayoral Health Councils, and provide 'Save the Date' flyers for the April *Healthy Communities Summit*, currently being planned. A date for the *Summit* will be determined once the Steering Committee has a chance to respond regarding any major conflicting dates to avoid in April.
- 3. Pilot Presentation for County Board of Supervisor Meetings:** The CDC has produced a 'meeting in a box' to guide meeting facilitation around the social determinants of health and community development. This tool, revised and modified for various meeting/presentation lengths, will be utilized to present to County Boards of Supervisors, to City officials, at the MPO Annual Meeting, and potentially with other key groups that Counties and Cities identify as we meet with them. Presentation length and format will vary depending on the audience, but this will serve as a good base to raise awareness of the connection between decisions in the built environment and population health. The group reviewed the tool-kit and made suggestions for scaling it to various audiences. Overall, the response was enthusiastic regarding the opportunity to use such an interactive means to begin to raise awareness about the social determinants of community health among Gulf Coast leaders. A 10-minute pilot presentation will be developed and sent to all members for review within two weeks.



#### **4. Set Date & Plan for “Healthy Communities Summit”, Spring 2018**

Dates in April were discussed to plan for a *Healthy Communities Summit*. Funds from Invest Health will be utilized in the planning and printing materials for this event.

The *Summit* will be an opportunity to bring in credible speakers who share their experiences in bringing health and wellness to the forefront of their goals in community development, as well to facilitate dialogue on community health and the social determinants of health around each of our seven topic areas:

- Health & Wellness
- Food systems
- Housing
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Transportation and Land Use
- Environment
- Education

The summit will be geared toward an audience of City, County, and community leaders

An email went out to all Steering Committee members on 11-8-2017, with a two-day deadline, to get feedback on the date. Thus far, it looks like the weekdays between April 9-20 are the most open.