

**9.27.2018 Human Services Board Meeting
Presentation of the Population Health Task Force Report
Comment Summary**

Common Theme – This Initiative is the Responsibility of the Entire County – Government and Partners

- This initiative allows the County to understand the broader definition of social determinants and allows us to understand that all services the county provides should be seen through the lens of how they impact the health and wellbeing of all citizens. This should include Human Services, transportation, land use, detention centers and jails. All of these should be considered in improving the health and wellbeing of our citizens.
- This report looks at everything the County is doing and if you look at the Board of Commissioners goals, you will see that they are addressed in this report as well. The goal is to help partners and people understand this framework and continue to engage them in the implementation.

Concerns Voiced

- **Support from other municipalities** – There is a question regarding other municipalities' awareness of the PHTF. Involving the municipalities is needed moving forward..
- **Displacement of the elderly population** – This is happening in some neighborhoods beginning to experience high growth and property values. For example, in the Crosby-Garfield Center area, the older homes across the street with senior citizens living in them have been torn down and a new apartment building is in their place. This highlights the loss of affordable housing.
- **Mental health and substance abuse** - Continue to build better access to mental health, substance abuse, and physical health services, especially for those leaving state facilities.
- **Technical assistance being made available to Non-Governmental Organizations** - When there are multiple partners at the table, the grass roots groups normally need assistance starting initiatives and will need a lot more assistance in putting together a fiscal plan and the actions to address priorities.
- **Funding** - It seems we are good at coordinating and accessing, but when we get a distribution of funds things seem to break down. There is agreement with the vulnerable population recommendation of developing a community grant fund to support this and a need for investment before the Task Force can move ahead.

Encouragement Expressed

- **Working for the common good of the residents of Wake County** – Be passionate about the work and continue embarking on this work without expecting credit so that the work can continue to go on.
- **The HS Board's role around advocacy** - Continue the role of advocacy. Work with the State as they plan for a more cohesive method of pulling Mental Health / Physical Health services back together in the future.
- **Use some of the goals of this report as action items for the Public Health and Social Services Committees** - The two Committees could plan a joint meeting to work on this.