

Green River Regional Health Council

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GRRHC

- Council sponsored by GRADD
- GRADD's region includes the counties of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster
- Only ADD that supports a regional health council
- Membership is diverse

Our Vision...

Improved health and quality
of life in the Green River Region

Our Mission...

Improve the health and quality of life
through education,
motivation and evaluation.

Brief History

- During the 1970s – issued certificates of need
- Sometime in the late 1970s or early 1980s the state absorbed this task
- ADDs simply dissolved their councils
- Around 1995, GRADD reconvened regional council
- Regional council meets every other month
- Diverse membership
- Functioned for about 10 years – okay

Brief History Continued...

- Desired to have more impact
- Strong belief that community engagement was the key
- If the problem was in the community – solution was in the community
- Community ownership of their health status was vital
- How to do we accomplish community engagement and ownership?

Brief History Continued...

- Great model developed
 - Regional health council
 - Network director
 - Local health coalitions
 - Local facilitators
- Biggest obstacles: volunteer based and no funding
- Applied for HRSA funding
- Seeking a Rural Health Network Development Grant
- Submitted four grants!
- Funding was approved 4th time
- Received Rural Health Network Development Grant

Life with the grant...

- Network Director was hired
- Implementing the Model
 - Established local health coalitions
- Diverse groups participating – not exclusive
- Officers selected
- By-laws adopted
- Facilitators hired

Life with the grant continued...

- Mini-retreats held
- Priorities established
- Established great partnerships
- Impact
 - Lunch and Learns – over 2,267 in attendance
 - Monthly newsletters – over 1,500
 - Weekly columns – over 26,000 circulation
 - *We Can!* – Over 80 families enrolled
 - Participating with and enhancing other local events - Longest Day of Play, Second Sunday
 - Developing a strong presence in our communities and awareness regarding health status
 - Communities excited about creating a change
 - Over 200 coalition members

Another great tool!

- Green River Regional Health Report Card
- Utilized by local health coalitions
- Does not answer “why”
- Simply reflects the status
- Local communities determine “why”
- Local communities determine “what”
- Local communities determine “how”

A Closer Look...

Conclusion

- Excellent Model
- Connecting with the local communities
- Creating dialogue with the local communities
- Educating local health consumers
- Motivating local health consumers
- Key elements to improving your community and region's health status

Remember...

If this problem is in the community,
the solution is in the community.

Local communities must assume responsibility
for their own health status!

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Thank you!

Additional questions,
please feel free to call!

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