Announcing a Healthy By Design Handoff!

As some of you have likely heard, our own Community Health Improvement Manager, Heather Fink, has taken an exciting new position with RiverStone Health. Heather will now serve as the Director of Health Provision for the health department division. We want to thank Heather for all of her time, energy, and creativity over nearly 5 years, to make Healthy By Design what it is today! The next time you see Heather, be sure to give her kudos!

Melissa Henderson has stepped into the role of Community Health Improvement Manager for Healthy By Design. Melissa previously served as the Healthy Weight priority coordinator for Healthy By Design as part of her prior role within public health services at RiverStone Health.

Janiel Olson continues to serve as the Community Health Improvement Specialist. She has now been with us for 6 months! If you have any questions regarding Event Recognition, 5-2-1-0, School Wellness Toolkits, Active Living Everyday (ALED), or any other question regarding HBD please email her at info@hbdyc.org.

2017-2020 Community Healthy Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Task groups are making excellent headway with emerging initiatives, and will be looking for opportunities to create long term change through policy, systems, and environmental interventions through these efforts. Select task group updates are below. The next Healthy Weight Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd from 10:30 - 11:30am at RiverStone Health. Contact Melissa Henderson (melissa.hen@riverstonehealth.org or 651.6569). This is a great way to learn more about the Coalition, meet our members, and get involved in an initiative!

- Our upcoming meeting will focus on planning the 2018 Gardner’s Market at South Park.
CHIP Initiatives Update

News from Healthy By Design task groups:

Healthy Neighborhood Project-

- Hired Aimee Carlson to be our Community Gardens Support Specialist, who will work with project partners to connect and promote gardening opportunities in the South Side neighborhood between now and fall 2018. Welcome Aimee!
- In the process of reviewing and finalizing the following: grocery store market analysis plan, box wrap designs, entryway signage, and a potential community mural at South Park

Parks Rx -

- Thank you to our project intern from Rocky Mountain College, Sadie Michael, for all of her hard work on this project!

Healthy Food Retail -

- The Healthy By Design Coalition is holding a focus group for food truck vendors on Wednesday, April 4 from 3-4:30pm at RiverStone Health. The purpose of this group is to identify interest, barriers, and incentives for food trucks to offer more healthy food menu items as a way to increase access to healthy food choices when eating out. If you are interested in participating or have questions about the focus group, please contact Kristi at Kristi@billingstrailnet.org.

Welcoming spaces and Joint/Shared/Open Use- No updates at this time.

To learn more about what these task groups are working on, please follow us on Facebook or consider attending a Healthy Weight Steering Committee. Task groups are always accepting new members - please contact us at info@hbdyc.org if you would like to get involved!

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Healthy By Design Calendar

Calling all events! Do you have an event coming up and would like some additional promotion? Did you know our website, HBDYC.org, has a new events page where you can add content? Head over to the website and submit your event by clicking "Add an Event" at the top of the events page.

Connections

Heart and Sole Run

Save the date Saturday June 16th, 2018 is the 39th annual Heart and Sole run. The proceeds will go towards the YMCA Annual Campaign and improving the Billings trail system through Billings TrailNet. Register here.

Community Food Security Survey

Sponsored by the Community Development Division, this survey is part of a Community Needs Assessment focused on increasing access to fresh, affordable foods for the Billings community. Your responses will shed light on the issues that are most important and will influence recommendations for future food security actions. The survey will only take 5 minutes of your time and the collected information will be kept confidential and anonymous. You can choose not to answer a question at any point. Click here to take the survey. If you have any questions please email Andreea at vista3@ci.billings.mt.us.

Montana State University Billings Powwow - a Healthy By Design recognized event!
Celebrate the 50th Annual MSU-Billings Powwow this weekend! The event commences with Grand Entry at 6pm on Friday, April 6th and continues through Saturday, April 7th starting at 12noon and ending with a Winner Ceremony near midnight. To learn more, visit: [here](#)

**Dancing with the Big Sky Stars**
Big Sky Senior Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the 3rd annual *Dancing with the Big Sky Stars* fundraiser at the Double Tree Inn on Friday, April 20th. Similar to the television show, the event will feature local celebrities (including several of our Coalition members!), who are matched with professional dance instructors to compete for a trophy. Dance instructors from near and far will train our celebrities. The evening will also include dinner, exhibition performances, and social dancing. To learn more, visit: [here](#)

**Partner Highlight**
The South Side Senior Center, South Side Task Force, and the Friendship house announced that the greenhouse located at the South Side Senior Center is now open. Matt from the Friendship House shows members from the Senior Center the opening of the Greenhouse.

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