Healthy By Design Coalition Updates

2017-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Over the last month, Healthy By Design Coalition members submitted ideas for our next big initiative for the broader Coalition to rally around. Members were asked to vote on which initiative we should take on as a large group and the results are in! The winner is...

<typename> Creative Placemaking </typename>

As we embark on year 2 of the CHIP, we look forward to digging in to this innovative topic! Curious about what this is? During our next Healthy Weight Steering Committee meeting, we will discuss creative placemaking and how this strategy connects to community health and our strategic plan.

Our next Healthy Weight Steering Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6th from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.
We will focus this meeting on outlining our next big initiative and metrics.
Meeting to be held at RiverStone Health

If you are unable to make the meeting, but still interested in learning more, check out these resources:

- KaBOOM! Play Everywhere Challenge
- Transportation for America: The Scenic Route
- The Field Guide for Creative Placemaking and Parks
- RWJF: 4 Ways to Build Inclusive Healthy Places
- Public Art St. Paul

Task groups will continue to emerge throughout our 2017-2020 CHIP cycle so keep an eye out for more updates! If you are not already involved in the Healthy Weight Steering Committee and would like to participate or would like to learn more about Healthy By Design, contact Melissa, Community Health Improvement Manager, 651.6569 or info@hbdyc.org.

CHIP Initiatives - Task Group & Initiative Updates

Healthy Worksite Recognition - Applications open soon!
To recognize and celebrate businesses and organizations in the community that promote health at their worksites, Healthy By Design is introducing a new recognition opportunity. The application is being finalized and will be open for a month beginning November 14th. Winners will be announced and recognized at the Annual Celebration scheduled in January 2019 (date and time TBD). Stay tuned and watch our Facebook page for more details in November. You can also visit our Worksite Wellness page to start learning more about healthy worksites!
School Wellness Champions - Let’s celebrate our local winners!
The Fall 2018 award cycle has wrapped up, and Healthy By Design is pleased to announce 5 winners of the School Wellness Champion Award. These individuals demonstrated their commitment to school wellness in a variety of ways. Award winners will be recognized here and via other avenues, but this is the first official announcement so please join us in congratulating these amazing individuals in our community! To learn more about this Award and future opportunities, visit the project page. Over the next few weeks on our social media and in our monthly newsletters, we will highlight each of the School Wellness Champions.

Fall 2018 School Wellness Champions
- Wanda Morales Career Center
- Melissa Tschetter Career Center
- Sarah Lord Senior High School
- Kerra Olson Boulder Elementary School
- Stace Hersh Medicine Crow Middle School

Wanda Morales (Career Center) supports student mental health by providing decor to welcome her students and make them feel at home.

Check out our Facebook page to see more on Melissa and Wanda.

Healthy Neighborhood Project
Current projects include: grocery store, neighborhood garden, gardening resources, box wraps, entryway signage, and the South Side Stories project with Western Heritage Center.

- Next Resident Meeting will be announced once a date is set.
- You can still share your South Side Story. Call Lauren at (406) 256-6809, ext. 133. You do not need to live on the South Side to participate!
Box wraps have been installed along State Ave. Three local artists submitted designs that demonstrate their perspective of the South Side neighborhood.

Visit [www.hbdyc.org/healthy-neighborhood-project](http://www.hbdyc.org/healthy-neighborhood-project) for more information on this project or email info@hbdyc.org to be added to a separate monthly e-newsletter.

**Healthy By Design Gardeners’ Market- that’s a wrap for 2018!**

- The last market was in early October. Staff are currently working through customer and vendor evaluations and will share this data soon.

- The Healthy By Design Coalition has recently been awarded a three year USDA grant through the Farmers Market Promotion Program. Funds will be used to enhance the current Gardeners’ Market, including targeted outreach to seniors and additional vendors.

If you have questions, you can email market@healthybydesignyellowstone.org or you can visit [www.hbdyc.org/market](http://www.hbdyc.org/market).

**Parks Rx**

Maps for Pioneer and North Parks are complete and have been printed. The maps are also available on the Healthy By Design website. Next spring, promotional items such as dog leashes, doggy disposal bag holders, and flinging rings with the 5-2-1-0 message will be distributed by community partners to promote the Parks Rx maps and walking routes.

**Healthy Food Retail - Healthy Food Truck Initiative, Welcoming Spaces, & Joint/Shared/Open Use**

These task groups had no updates for this newsletter.

To learn more about what task groups are working on, or to have your questions answered, please email info@hbdyc.org, call 247.3394, or consider attending a Healthy Weight Steering Committee. Task groups are always accepting new members!

**Healthy By Design in the News**

*Q2 News* interviewed artist Izzie Mamea about her box wrap design. Check out the interview below.
Healthy By Design Annual Celebration - You're Invited!
We will hold our Annual Coalition Celebration in January 2019. Help us celebrate our work, recognize School Wellness Champions and Healthy Worksites, and learn about what the future holds in store for the Coalition. Details to be finalized and announced soon.

Check out the Latest Progress Report
Click on this link to read more on our Coalition's efforts and accomplishments between July 2017 - June 2018.

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.

Upcoming Coalition Member Events and Announcements

Billings Family YMCA -Healthy Holiday Hankerings
November 7 | 6:30 pm | YMCA
The Billings YMCA is hosting a seminar to introduce people to healthy recipe alternatives during the holiday season. Anyone 12 years or older is invited to attend.
Members: $25 & Non-members: $40, Sign up online or come in to the YMCA to register. Questions? Call Jenny at 294.1628.
Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Meeting
November 7 | 7 pm | Lockwood School Administration Building
For more information, visit the [County page](#).

**Active Transportation Webinar**
November 21 | 1 pm | Miller Building
The City of Billings Planning Department will be hosting a webinar titled "What Do You Do? Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Skills". The public is welcome to attend.

**Project Re:Code Code Assessment now Available!**
The City of Billings hired consultants to review the current city and county zoning codes. They have completed the assessment and it is now available. Click [here](#) to view this document. Visit the [project website](#) to stay up to date on the progress of the code rewrite.

**Community Health on the Ballot - Initiative 185**
Many of you have probably heard mention of I-185, a ballot initiative that would increase the tax on tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, sold in Montana. If passed, funds generated are designated for our state's Medicaid expansion program, veterans services, tobacco-use prevention, and programs serving seniors with disabilities. Several of our Coalition member organizations, including Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare, and the Billings Chamber of Commerce have endorsed this ballot initiative. To learn more, read your Voter Information Pamphlet, which should have arrived in the mail in early October. In the meantime, you can view the ballot language [here](#). Don't forget to vote on or by November 6th this year!

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Want to learn how to apply for event recognition? Click [here](#).

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