

Minutes from Health, Education, Welfare committee 10/5/2018

In attendance: Natalie Wolf, chair, Elida Kamine, committee member, Ray Warren, Committee member, Scot Lahrmer, Cristie Iwasko, Carole Donnellon

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM. Minutes from meeting of July 17th were approved.

This meeting was convened to discuss assembling a community WeTHRIVE team to commence work on the “Chronic Disease” pathway of the WeTHRIVE initiative, of which Amberley Village has been a member since 2011.

WeTHRIVE is a community based wellness initiative designed to make lasting changes and create healthy environments where people live, work, learn, and play. When a community participates in a WeTHRIVE pathway, they design a wellness roadmap for the community which can result in positive systemic and policy changes to the community. WeTHRIVE relies on empirical evidence submitted by communities and regularly updated by the Hamilton County Board of Health regarding population, aging, injuries, tobacco use, and other demographics. Amberley’s Environmental Stewardship committee has been working on the “Environmental Health” pathway for two years and as a policy change, will be submitting a resolution to village council designating Amberley as an “Idle-free zone.” This will be an example of a policy change that is designed to create a systems change.

Carolle Donnellon, an Amberley resident, attended a prior HEW meeting and expressed a desire to use her background in wellness to lead the “Chronic Disease” pathway. The team will “work up” to council; it will be comprised of a broad swath of the community, including businesses, religious, health, and aging representatives, as well as interested residents. The group will work closely with Cristie Iwasko, WeTHRIVE representative from HCPH, on the pathway and mapping exercises. The group will periodically report to the HEW committee. The HEW committee will report the team’s work to Council.

The committee recommended that a flexible group be assembled based on the above discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Natalie Wolf

Committee Chair