

**Town Hall Meeting Planning Points**

❖ Planning for Town Hall meetings (for **Community Themes and Strengths Assessment**)

- Name for the assessment: *Ideas like Community Opinion, Community Dialogue..... **Please email me your suggestions***
- Date, time and location of 2 Town Hall meetings for large participation **September 25<sup>th</sup> and Sept 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday and Thursday), 7:00 – 8:30 PM**  
*Two locations Suggestions:*

**Genoa Baptist:** *September 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:00 to 8:30 PM (Tentative)*  
**Delaware Area Career Center:** *September 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the large meeting room. (Confirmed)*

- Promotional activities to motivate people to participate

Mass emails Gift drawing	Newsletters News releases Newspaper articles Bulletin Blurbs	The Strategy Team to place Ads in local newspapers and help create some flyers.
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*Collect email addresses from DGHD staff contacts; ask PHDC members and staff to read a script (prepared by Jesse and Lux) at meetings they attend or their churches. Jesse will try and add info in various publications across the county.*

*Prepare flyers and posters with date and time information.*

*Any More ideas.....*

- Community meetings to provide information for participation

*Yes. A script provided below to committee members, core support team members and other staff members to mention at meetings and public forums.*

***DRAFT Script for staff members to promote attendance at our upcoming MAPP Town Hall Meetings***

*We at the Delaware General Health District or I would like to invite you to a very important event to help plan for our community's future.*

*Delaware General Health District is conducting two Town Hall meetings as part of our strategic planning process for improving public health in our community. We need lots of good input from thoughtful residents, such as yourselves.*

*The meetings will be Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Genoa Baptist Church, and Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Delaware Area Career Center South Campus. Both of them will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (and we're only asking you to go to one or the other, not both!).*

*We know your time and your opinions are valuable, and that's why we want them. We want to know things such as why you are proud of your community, whether you consider this a good place to raise children, and what could get you excited about improving our community. The answers we receive will help set the direction our agency follows over the next several years.*

*There will be light refreshments and door prizes at both of the town hall meetings.*

*Please come and present your own answers to our questions and your viewpoints on what is important with respect to health and your community.*

*For more information please visit [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) or contact Lux Phatak at 740-203-2081 or [lphatak@delawarehealth.org](mailto:lphatak@delawarehealth.org).*

- Web and newspaper articles with info to get involved

**What is the MAPP process?**

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-wide strategic planning tool for improving community health. Facilitated by your local public health agency (Delaware General Health District-DGHD), this tool will help our community prioritize public health issues and identify resources for addressing them. The community partners involved in this process are 65 members of the “**Partnership for Healthy Delaware County**” with representation from local hospital, social and governmental agencies, the religious and business communities, philanthropy, academia, local residents and media.

**What is the Town Hall meeting all about?**

**Town Hall meetings is an opportunity for community residents of Delaware County to gain a better awareness of ourselves, the area in which we live, and our own potential for improving the quality of life in Delaware County.**

**Why should I get involved?**

Community energy and public participation are crucial to the success of the Town Hall meetings. People should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. A public participation process, by definition, belongs to all the stakeholders, including future generations.

**How much time will this take?**

**One of the 90 minutes Town Hall meeting sessions. We have arranged two different locations in the county for your convenience.**

<i>Where</i>	<i>When</i>
<i>Genoa Baptist Church 7562 Lewis Center RD, Genoa (740) 965 - 5548</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2007  7:00 – 8:30 PM</i>
<i>Delaware Area Career Center – South Campus 4565 Columbus Pike, Delaware (740) 548 - 0708</i>	<i>Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2007  7:00 – 8:30 PM</i>

**How will this benefit me/ my neighborhood/community?**

- **Bring out my/our concerns and issues that are important to me/us.**
- **Explore my/our potential of improving my/our quality of life in Delaware County**
- **Gain better awareness of myself/ourselves and my/our surroundings**
- **Explore opportunities to get involved in my/our community/neighborhood**

## *Questions for the Town Hall Meeting*

- 1. What do you believe are the 2-3 most important characteristics of a healthy community?*
- 2. What makes you most proud of our community?*
- 3. In your family or your friends' families, what are your biggest concerns living in Delaware County? (Probes: personal needs; health; employment; education)*
- 4. Are you satisfied with the quality of life in our community?*
- 5. Are you satisfied with the health care system in the community?*
- 6. Is this community a good place to raise children?*
- 7. Is this community a good place to grow older?*
- 8. What are some of the things that you see as lacking in your community? (Probes: Needs; study has particular interest in health needs)*
- 9. What are your suggestions for improvement?*
- 10. What would excite you enough to become involved (or more involved) in improving our community.*