

# **Appendix B**

## **Focus Group Materials**

## **Harrison County Focus Group Attendee List – 2022**

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# Harrison County Focus Group Comments 2022

## Strengths

### FOCUS GROUP A

- Non-profits that serve community
  - Harrison County Community Services
  - YMCA
  - Blue River Services
  - Choices
- Indian Creek Trail
- Medical transportation (Southern IN Transit), to and from medical appointments
- “Stepping On” Program - for folks older than 65
  - teaches balance and strengthening exercises
  - pharmacist talks to them, a policeman comes for neighborhood safety
  - home safety
- 5 centers in Harrison County for addiction services
- Harrison County Hospital still offers maternity services Maternal and Child Health Clinic
- Various clinics offered by Harrison County Health Department
  
- Joe Rhoades Community Center for folks over 65 – helps senior stay healthy
- Community meal on Monday nights
- Availability of medical services in a small community; urgent care facility, hospital, etc
- Community health screening twice a year and free blood work for cholesterol and inexpensive blood screens
- Accessible parks and trails systems, with progressive developers
- Hoosier Hills Pact
- Maternal and Child Health Clinic
- Very engaged Public Health Department
- SANE Program in Emergency Dept.
- Main Street Corydon that promotes better health in community and the farmers’ market
- Mental Health resources and the resources are growing
- Veteran resources with help from Crawford County, Cedar Bluff, sponsors Weekend Warriors
- Schools getting a lot of funding for counseling
- Faith -based Community
- Hospital offers program for congestive heart failure
- Health Dept has drive-thru flu clinic
- School districts work well together and with community and referrals
  - Pre-school opportunities
- Safe sleep training with Dr. Sauer

### FOCUS GROUP B

- [Boys & Girls Club – activities and meals](#)

- Community services – utility money
- Habitat for Humanity
- Local S. Harrison Community Center
- Leadership HC – Sexual assault victims “SANE”
- Local EMS and in-house transportation
- Immunization
- Access to specialty services
- Collaboration with health organizations
- Harrison County Community Foundation – connector for all organizations
- Harrison County Hospital Foundation
- Collaborative Health Department
- 24-hour crisis services – LifeSpring Health
- Mental health for seniors – senior care
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters – foster care
- YMCA
- Trails – state park
- Community center for indoor walking
- Meals through local churches
- Strong youth recreation – local swim team, YMCA
- School system
- Mobile food banks and meals to go during COVID
- Maternal & Child health clinic
- STD screening clinic
- Family Health Center – FQHC
- RHC in neighboring counties
- Baby box
- Comfort House for child abuse education; forensic interviewing
- Accessibility trails for disabled persons
- Transitional housing
- Arts events

## Needs

### FOCUS GROUP A

- Lack of family care and internal medicine specialists
- Still a need for teens struggling with mental health and lack of psychiatric specialists
- Difficult to attract and retain health care professionals
- In need of residential treatment facility, especially for youth (birth-18)
- More transportation services are needed – not failproof system
  - Not affordable
  - Folks don't want to travel too far
  - Walkability/bikeable (active transportation)
- Intensive treatment for mental health is lacking, for youth and adults
- Group counseling for youth in school was being recorded
- Broadband would be helpful, need more internet services
  - Expanded telehealth
- Affordability is needed and navigating the system of healthcare
- Aging population has a lot of needs
- Places and activities for younger folks (18-27 years old)
- Low-income housing
- Prevention activities
- Folks experiencing homelessness

### FOCUS GROUP B

- Transportation
- Affordable housing
- Parenting support services
- Transportation on school campus
- Transport for medical services
- SUD services for all ages
- Acute behavioral health care – inpatient beds
- Dental care
- Primary care; men's healthcare access
- Aging healthcare workforce
- Providers not accepting Medicaid
- Support for homelessness
- Lack of specialty services – rheumatology, neurology
- Childcare in general; affordable childcare
- Walkability
- Lack of transportation for people with disabilities
- Language barriers; Creole
- Labor shortage in healthcare
- Technical complications in neighboring states
- Kentucky population needs
- Overdose and suicide rates are high

- Lack of affordable mental health care
- Broadband

## Culture

### FOCUS GROUP A

- Lack of diversity
- Clique-ish and not always welcoming
- Kind and supportive community
  - Welcoming and open
  - Pockets of acceptance
- Faith-based
- Difficult for all folks to integrate into the community (Latinx community, specifically)
- Range of socio-economic community
- Needs to be more supportive on teaching kids skills
- Great place to raise a family (hints back to the strengths)
- Community rallies together in the midst of tragedy

### FOCUS GROUP B

- Collaboration within community stakeholders
- Faith-based
- Limited diversity
- Agriculture
- Investment in children
- Small town feel

### **Prioritized List of Challenges/Needs**

- Access to primary, family care, men's healthcare, and specialists
- Mental health – in-patient; SUD; behavioral
- Workforce – aging population; recruitment/retention
- Transportation – medical; non-medical; services for persons with disabilities; walkability
- Broadband
- Prevention education; activities
- Affordable housing; low-income; homelessness
- Childcare