

Month of Reported Progress:

July

PACE EH Coordinator/Contact Name:

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CHD Name:

Lake County Health Department

EH Manager/ Administrator:

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Has EH Manager/Administrator reviewed and approved this report?:

Yes

Is your PACE EH survey complete?:

Yes

If your PACE EH survey is complete, list your PACE EH community's top identified issues.:

1. Transportation
2. Lighting
3. Appearance- Litter & Abandoned Structures
4. Crime
5. Roaming Animals

Concisely summarize this month's activities.:

Methods of PACE-EH process are being utilized by community residents....

Last meeting, residents brought up and discussed the issue of drainage!

This was not a top 5 issue from the survey, but it's a good indicator that community is adapting PACE-EH to new issues and ideas. It was an opportunity to see the tools/skills of the PACE EH process put into practice.

In discussions, they...

- identified specific problem (standing water after rains),
- pinpointed problem areas (specific street),
- gave the argument for why it was a health concern (mosquitoes, disease, septic),
- and even began to develop a strategy for addressing it- (talking with County Community Services/Public Works about drainage in easements to collect rainwater)

WOW!

The neighborhood association had voted to take July off (out of school kids, vacations, and the like); no forum for a PACE-EH meeting this month.

We made the decision to cancel the PACE-EH follow-survey date scheduled Saturday, July 11th from 10:00am-2pm. The goal was 4 teams; 1 EH & 1 community member in each team. Four

EH members were ready and 4 volunteers had signed up in June to participate. However, some of the community participants had a death in the family; no one was able to definitely confirm their participation and only one was able to tentatively respond.

It was a reminder: We must remain flexible when working with our community partners!

Community participation is the goal of PACE-EH objectives and I believe contributed immensely to our participant success rate last survey. Therefore, we are deferring the event until we get more solidified resident participation for the survey and get votes for a new survey date at the August 10th meeting.

We participated in the conference: Partnerships for Improving Community Health- It is a four part-series that runs through August and September. It was a web-based format and highly recommended for PACE-EH coordinators! We are not alone in our community empowerment efforts and can learn from the best practices/ideas/& experience of others.

The goal for next PACE-EH meet; review indicators of progress and revise as needed on paper; these will be resources for the community to use to assess their progress in the future.