Community/Public Service Worksheet

Service Category: Health and Wellness Programs

Title: Health Action Partnership, Walker County (HAP-WC)

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Program Description: The Health Action Partnership, Walker County (HAP-WC) was started in 2007 as the Walker Area Transformational Coalition for Health 2010 (WATCH 2010). In 2013 WATCH 2010 transformed into a new partnership with United Way of Central Alabama, with grants from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham and the Walker Area Community Foundation. The goal of HAP-WC is: Make Walker County, Alabama, a healthier place to live, learn, work, and play.

Objectives/Outcomes: 1. Obtain financial support to sustain the collaboration. 2. Increase the number of community and academic partners. 3. Establish a Leadership Group and three Priority Groups. 4. Increase student participation.

Assessment Measures: Organizational minutes; quarterly leadership meetings; organizational records (attendance sheets, fiscal reports, etc.)

Results: 1. HAP-WC has received a $156,208 joint grant from Walker Area Community Foundation and Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham; $2,000 Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant; several other grant proposals have been submitted to support HAP-WC operations and are under review. 2. Starting in 2007 as a two partner collaborative (UA College of Nursing & Walker Area Community Foundation), HAP-WC now includes six UA colleges and over 12 community agencies from Walker and Jefferson County. 3. A county-wide Leadership Group has been formed to oversee HAP-WC, and 3 priority groups have been formed: Healthy food choices: improve healthy food access; Livable communities: increase active living and improve environments; Healthy people: improve community wellness. 4. Over 150 undergraduates from UA have participated in HAP-WC activities in the
last year.

Conclusions: This collaboration has created a strong, supportive communit-academic partnership to serve as the foundation for combating obesity in Walker County by enhancing nutrition education opportunities and increasing access to healthy foods. Priority Groups: Faculty and student research and Student internships and clinical placements

Improvement Actions: 1. Continue to locate funding to sustain HAP-WC activities. 2. Broaden involvement in partnership by UA and community partners. 3. Establish programs to achieve further outcomes in 3 priority areas.