



## Niagara Communities Comprehensive Plan

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### **Stakeholder Communities Plan Steering Committee Meeting #6 Detailed Agenda July 23, 2008**

#### **Topic – Public Health & Safety**

##### **I. Introduction of Topic, Maps & Instructions (5 minutes)**

The break out session will involve dividing the municipalities within the County into five (5) planning sub-region discussion groups. CHA will provide the list of municipalities in each group. Each group will include about 3 or 4 stakeholder community representatives and varying numbers (ideally about 4-6) of other stakeholder groups invited to participate in the discussions. Representatives of the Sheriff's office, County Department of Homeland Security, fire departments, and hospitals have been invited to this meeting. Ideally, each of the discussion groups will include a representative from at least one of these stakeholder groups.

Each group will assign a leader, a note taker, and a spokesperson as has been done in previous meetings. Leaders will be responsible for making sure that the discussion stays on topic and schedule. CHA will facilitate each group's discussions as needed. Note takers need to accurately reflect what is discussed in the group and will be responsible for the lists described below. A spokesperson will be asked at the conclusion of the breakout session to summarize what was discussed and concluded in each group. **NOTE: Please leave a copy of your group's notes at your table.**

##### **II. Break-out Session (total for this session 25 minutes)**

###### **Discussion Question #1 (20 minutes)**

*Based on your experiences and knowledge of your community what do you consider to be the most pressing **issue or challenge** facing your community today **relative to public safety**? Do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and refer to some consideration points below to help with the discussion.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the issues and challenges identified by your group.
- Identify the top three issues and challenges as voted on by your group that represent shared issues or challenges with other communities in your planning sub-region.

## Some Points to Consider

1. What is the overall sense of security / safety in the neighborhoods in your community?
2. How would you rate the “visibility” of police patrols in your community? Who provides primary police coverage in your community (local police, Sheriff, State police)?
3. Based on your experience, are response times / coverage for emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) adequate in your community?
4. How is your community affected by proximity to the Canadian border?
5. What is the level of awareness in your community of the County’s efforts to coordinate emergency / disaster preparation programs?
6. What types of events has or might your community experienced that would require major emergency response? What assets does your community possess that would help it during an emergency?
7. What do you perceive to be the biggest challenges to public safety in your community? How about within the County and/or the region?

### **Discussion Question #2 (5 minutes)**

*What is the most significant **asset or opportunity** that currently exists in your community **relative to public safety**? Again, do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and consider the same points above.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the assets and opportunities identified by your group.
- Identify the top three assets and opportunities as voted on by your group that represent shared assets and opportunities with the other communities in your planning sub-region.

### **Discussion Question #3 (20 minutes)**

*Based on your experiences and knowledge of your community what do you consider to be the most pressing **issue or challenge** facing your community today **relative to public health**? Do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and refer to some consideration points below to help with the discussion.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the issues and challenges identified by your group.
- Identify the top three issues and challenges as voted on by your group that represent shared issues or challenges with other communities in your planning sub-region.

### Some Points to Consider

1. Does your community have adequate access to healthcare facilities, including hospitals? Does your community have adequate coverage in terms of ambulatory services, including response times?
2. Do you feel your community would have adequate access to health services in the event of an emergency, such as a natural disaster or otherwise?
3. What are the biggest public health concerns within your community? Are these ongoing concerns? Are there any issues that might be classified as health threats?
4. Does your community or organizations within your community offer programs aimed at improving public health/wellness? What types of programs (i.e. nutrition, vaccinations, exercise, anti-smoking, etc.)?
5. Is environmental health (i.e. water and air quality) a significant issue within your community? If so, why?
6. What is the level of awareness in your community of the County Health Department's programs and services?

### **Discussion Question #4 (5 minutes)**

*What is the most significant **asset or opportunity** that currently exists in your community **relative to public health**? Again, do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and consider the same points above.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the assets and opportunities identified by your group.
- Identify the top three assets and opportunities as voted on by your group that represent shared assets and opportunities with the other communities in your planning sub-region.

### **III. Reconvene as a Group to Summarize Discussions (45 minutes)**

The Plan Steering Committee members and invited stakeholders will reconvene at the end of the breakout session. Each of the five groups will be asked to provide a summary of their discussions, conclusions reached, and the lists of issues and opportunities that each group created. After each group has summarized their discussions, the Steering Committee members and stakeholders will discuss the common issues and opportunities among the communities and the five planning sub-regions.