

## CHIP Network Meeting Notes

Wed., Nov 3, 2021 3-4:30pm. Online.

At this meeting we learned together about local efforts to improve health for older adults!



### Agenda

- Welcome + a brief CHIP overview - Phoebe Walker
- Age-Friendly Franklin County and North Quabbin - Nour Elkhattaby-Strauch and Meg Ryan
- LifePath's Needs Assessment and Area Plan on Aging - Lynne Feldman
- Northwestern District Attorney's Office EDPU - Mary Beth Ogulewicz and Rachel Senecal
- Making CHIP Connections- Jen Audley ([Click here](#) to see resources shared in the Zoom chat during the meeting)
- What's coming next for our CHIP Network?

**Links to slides for each topic and the recording of the meeting are here:**

<https://frcog.org/event/chip-network-meeting-5/>

### Meeting Highlights:

**Age-Friendly Franklin County** - Ways to support this exciting multi-year project now!

- Recruit elders from diverse backgrounds to join their Steering Committee
- Host an Alzheimers' Education or Reframing Aging program
- Give feedback on the draft of the survey they will use to launch the needs assessment phase of the project

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**LifePath's Area Needs Assessment and Plan on Aging for 2022-2025**

At the meeting we got an overview of the findings from the needs assessment and the plans that have been made for the next few years. Here is the full plan:

[https://lifepathma.org/images/pdfs/LifePath\\_Area\\_Plan\\_on\\_Aging\\_2022-25\\_Final.pdf](https://lifepathma.org/images/pdfs/LifePath_Area_Plan_on_Aging_2022-25_Final.pdf)

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**NWDAO's Elders and Persons with Disabilities Unit**

This section of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes crimes in which elders and persons with disabilities have been victimized. They also do outreach and

education and collaborate with many other agencies on prevention and supportive services. We met new unit chief Mary Beth Ogulewicz and the unit coordinator, Rachel Senecal, and heard from LifePath's Protective Services Program Director, Dean Lagrotteria.

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**Lots of resources were shared and connections made in the chat during this meeting.**  
[Check them out here.](#)

### **Your Input Needed!**

#### **Focus Groups for the BFMC 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment**

Every three years, hospitals in our region gather information and report on priority health needs in their catchment areas. The report - referred to as the CHNA - guides decisions about funding and is an important part of how we select the goals for the Franklin County/North Quabbin CHIP.

The research phase of a new CHNA is beginning now, and one part of that research will be for each hospital to host focus groups. These focus groups can help ensure that the process includes perspectives that aren't already represented and that are of particular interest to us.

**The Baystate Franklin Medical Center's Community Benefits Advisory Council (CBAC) would like your input about this.** What populations' needs would you most like to hear about? Send your thoughts on this to Phoebe Walker - [walker@frcog.org](mailto:walker@frcog.org) - by next Wednesday, please.

### **Mark your calendar for these upcoming CHIP events!**

These are all listed on the FRCOG's website calendar - [frcog.org/events](http://frcog.org/events). To get reminders and agendas by email, ask Jen Audley - [jaudley@frcog.org](mailto:jaudley@frcog.org) - to add you to the email list for any of these specific groups.

- **Health Equity Data Work Group** | Next meeting: Nov 30, 1pm
- **Social Environment - Anxiety & Depression Work Group** | Next meeting: Dec 1, 3pm
- **Physical Environment -Type 2 Diabetes Work Group** | Next meeting: Dec 15, 10-11:30am
- **CHIP Network** | Next meeting: Feb 2, 2022, 3-4:30pm

Plus, this special event!

#### **Introducing the Baystate Health's New Family Medical Residency Program**

Friday, January 7, 2022 9-10am

More info coming soon -- [let us know you're interested here](#) and we'll email you!