

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTERVIEWS

Name of person(s) interviewed:

Name of interviewer:

If it seems appropriate, ask interviewee(s) how familiar they are with the Lakewood Wellness Foundation. If they don't seem knowledgeable, explain what the Foundation is envisioned to be and what the role of the Task Force is. Include that even the name of the Foundation hasn't been finalized.

Suggested description

The city of Lakewood is forming a new health and wellness foundation resulting from the closure of the Lakewood Hospital. In late 2016, Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers and Lakewood City Council appointed 17 residents to a task force of volunteer residents (including me) to set forth a framework for how the future foundation will function.

One of the central tenets of our efforts is *community engagement* with an eye toward promoting coordination, collaboration, and sustainability; fostering community voice; ensuring the effectiveness of the foundation; and developing models of transparency and accountability that build and maintain community trust.

1) What do you think the purpose of the Wellness Foundation should be? What do you hope it will achieve for the Lakewood community?

2) Do you have any concerns about the Wellness Foundation? If yes, what are they?

a) What do the terms "health" and "wellness" mean to you? If necessary: Do they mean the same thing to you?

3) In your opinion, what are the greatest health and wellness challenges in Lakewood today?

a) Are any of those challenges going unmet? If yes, what are the gaps and what gap is the most important to focus on?

4) We want to be able to engage as much of the community as possible in the discussion about developing the Foundation.

a) What are the most important population or special interest groups that we should be in touch with?

b) What are the best ways to get people engaged in the process of developing the Foundation?

c) What are the best methods or tools to use to communicate with these people?

d) What are the most important messages we should convey?

5) In your opinion, what is the best way for the Task Force and later the Board to build trust, particularly with people who were very unhappy about Lakewood Hospital closing?

6) What are the most important things for the Task Force to keep in mind as we go through the planning process?

7) In your opinion who is a good spokesperson for [name of Population/Issue group] ?

8) Is there anything on this topic you'd like to say that you haven't had a chance to say?

Thank.

Additional comments from interviewee/panel

Notes/ observations from interviewer

Please follow up with a brief hand written note thanking interviewees for their time and help.