

SUPPLEMENT

GARRETT COUNTY

Focus Group

SCRIPT



Focus Group Script

2019 Community Health Assessment

- Introductions:
 - My name is NAME and my role today is to help guide this discussion and learn more about what you think and how you feel. I will be working through a script and asking a lot of questions.
 - This focus group is a guided conversation about the top five issues people identified as their main concern in our latest community prioritization survey. We had 2,102 responses from the regional area and of those responses- NUMBER were from the ZIP zip code and the following topics were identified as the top five issues in this zip code that we want to talk more deeply about today:
 - The First topic is: Jobs, wages, economic development
 - Second topic is: Substance Abuse (opioids, prescription drugs, tobacco and alcohol
 - Third topic is: Health Insurance
 - Fourth topic is: Mental Health
 - Fifth topic is: Education
 - In 2016 we published our first Garrett County Health Assessment. I like to think about like a slice in time. It's a picture of a dynamic process that helps us collect data to better define our community's needs. The intention is to use this data to better serve our residents. We use data about our area from federal, state and now local sources. SHOW Survey – This survey helps to narrow down the priorities and now we get to talk about why we think these are issues people are concerned about. It's also a time to explore solutions that can become strategies in the health improvement plan to address our issues.
 - We publish the assessment that gives us all the data we can find and then we publish the improvement plan. It's a measurable report that is accessible to everyone On-line and can be adjusted and updated as we together to make improvements.
 - I invite to visit mygarrettcountry.com to become involved with the topics that you are most passionate about. We'll have an opportunity after the group concludes to show you how it works.
 - There are a few guidelines for our discussion today:
 - We want to be respectful of one another, so we need to allow people to have an opportunity to finish their thoughts and not be interrupted and allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. You may not agree with the opinions or perceptions of others in this group and that is okay- we want it to be a welcoming place for people to share their own experiences without judgement for the purpose of having many different perspectives deepen the discussion.



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- I will be recording our time for the ease of analysis, but I will use pseudo names in the reporting. I will use quotes as it relates to certain topics because themes emerge as we progress through our focus group cycle. We have nine scheduled in several areas of the county.
- I need your consent to record our discussion and use the data. I will turn the recorder on and we will begin by going around the table and saying yes.
 - So our purpose today on DATE : To explore job, wages & economic development, substance abuse, health insurance and education with community members in the ZIP zip code in the context of building, improving and sustaining a healthy community.
- We'll start by talking about what you like the most about living in your community.
- What are some things that could improve how you feel about living here?
- Let's describe what a healthy community looks and feels like?
- On a scale of 1-5—one being very unhealthy and 5 being very healthy how does your community rate?
 - Why?
 - Why not?
- Thinking about what you just told me I would like to reflect on the role Jobs, Wages and Economic development play in the health of a community.
- Let's talk about these as it relates to ZIP:
 - What services, programs, or strategies could we have to do a better job of addressing jobs, wages and economic development?



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