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Local Leadership Team Completes Community Health Assessment
Health Priorities Identified for Livingston County

Mount Morris, NY, January 3, 2020 – The Livingston County Community Health Assessment Leadership Team, a coalition of health professionals, community volunteers, and local leaders, recently conducted a Community Health Assessment of Livingston County and developed a Community Health Improvement Plan. The Livingston County Department of Health, UR Medicine | Noyes Health, Genesee Valley Health Partnership, and Common Ground Health coordinated the process by implementing Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP), which is a community-driven, strategic planning process for improving community health.

“Thank you to our local key stakeholders and community members who provided vital information on the needs of the community as this was utilized to develop a plan to help improve the health and enhance the quality of life for Livingston County residents”, stated Jennifer Rodriguez, Public Health Director.

Patty Piper, UR Medicine | Noyes Health Coordinator of Community Health Improvement, added, “We have true community collaboration in Livingston County. Collaboration between public health, healthcare, and community development is key to creating an effective Community Health Improvement Plan to address needs and monitor progress”.

Livingston County priorities identified through the community health assessment include Chronic Disease Prevention, Promote Well-Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders. As detailed in the Community Health Improvement Plan, strategies to address chronic diseases include evidence based and evidence informed activities such as conducting Chronic Disease Self-Management, Healthy Lifestyle, and Aging Mastery Programs for community members. In addition, implementing healthy policies/practices in schools and worksites including decreasing consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, decreasing food insecurity and working to increase opportunities for physical activity in the community will be the focus of the plan through Genesee Valley Health Partnership’s *Be Well in Livingston* initiative. Behavioral health strategies consist of conducting Mental Health First Aid trainings,

implementing environmental approaches including school based prevention initiatives to prevent underage drinking, and integrating trauma-informed approaches into prevention programs and in local agencies and schools. In addition, collaborative efforts will continue to focus on preventing Opioid and other substance misuse deaths which include increasing availability of and access to overdose reversal and building support systems for opioid users or those at risk of an overdose. The Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force of the Genesee Valley Health Partnership will continue to work toward increasing housing options, implement *Means Matter* media campaign and implement *Zero Suicide*, which is a commitment to comprehensive suicide safer care in health and behavioral health care systems.

The full assessment and the CHIP are available on the following websites: www.livingstoncounty.us/doh.htm, www.noyes-health.org, and www.gvhp.org. Residents may also request a copy of the plan by calling the Livingston County Department of Health at 585.243.7270. For more information or to become involved in the implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan, please contact Lisa Beardsley at lbeardsley@co.livingston.ny.us or 585.243.7270 or Patricia Piper at ppiper@noyeshealth.org or 585.335.8630.

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