

## Community Forum Feedback October 29, 2014

### *Feedback and questions from forum participants*

On Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2014, a community forum was convened at City Hall in the Boards and Commissions Room to provide the community with an update and ask for feedback on the Austin/ Travis County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). During the forum, CHA/CHIP partners presented on the CHIP's four priority areas; Chronic Disease focus on Obesity, Built Environment focus on Access to Healthy Foods, Built Environment focus on Transportation, and Access to Primary Care and Mental/Behavioral Health Services focus on Navigating the Healthcare System. During this portion of the forum, attendees were encouraged to ask questions, leave comments, and provide recommendations. These items of interest were written on index cards for later review at the annual planning summit next year's CHIP plan. These items of interest will also be publically available on the CHA/CHIP website. Feedback provided on the index cards is below.

- How can the Texas Hunger Initiative support this strategy?
- How can we increase access to healthy meals in after schools programs though the Child & Adult Care Food Program – federal and nutrition regulations?
- How can we get healthier lunch/breakfast items served in schools? (Austin High School)
- Some of the state run museums' snack shops sell most sugary, unhealthy items. How can we persuade the state to be healthy?
- I would like to have the Capital Complex and all state areas smoke free.
- Why can't bus stations have workout bars/pull-up stations?
- We want to add all this info to the new [austintexas.gov/food](http://austintexas.gov/food) site! Thanks!
- Mental Health focus in transportation – calming effects - ADA accessibility



in transportation plan

- Grants/Incentives for healthier retail/grocery stores
- What are the next steps to getting food (i.e., grocery stores) into the food desert areas?
- What are some future plans to help clients without chronic diseases navigate the healthcare systems?
- I like the telemedicine success story. How can we get this program into private practices too, which serve Medicaid clients?

