

Creation of a Heat Management Task Force to Create a Heat Management Plan for the City of Bloomington

Heat Management Plan:

1. **Mitigation:** creating a cooler environment by planting trees, painting streets and roofs white, green infrastructure, etc. Focus is on areas most vulnerable to extreme heat.
2. **Adaptation:** increase public support for vulnerable populations by providing free fans/ac units, cooling energy bill assistance, home weatherization programs, etc.
3. **Education:** increase knowledge of heat-related illness symptoms and how to prevent them on an individual and community level
4. **Heat Wave Emergency Response:** Heat Emergency Plan with assigned duties for city and county departments and an extreme heat communication plan (heat advisory alerts, guidance provided thru multiple channels and languages); augmenting public services during a heat wave (free bus rides, cooling centers, no utility shutoffs); volunteer program to check on elderly residents; homeless population health checks, bottled water and information distribution about available resources
5. **Ordinances:** Backup generator requirements for assisted living facilities, cool roof requirements, shade requirements for parking lots, maximum parking lot sizes

Core Staff Contacts & Questions:

Monroe County Health Department (contacted by Shawn)

Name: Christina Kempf Number: 812-349-2543 Email: ckempf@co.monroe.in.us

- a. Are you currently working on any heat related projects? No, but would like to create a brochure about heat related symptoms
- b. If so, are you collaborating with any other departments? No
- c. Do you have any heat-related illness and death data for Monroe County? If not, how is this data collected? No
- d. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan? Yes

Harm Reduction Office within the Health Dept. (contacted by Shawn)

Name: Melanie Vehslage Number: 812-349-7345 Email: mvehslage@co.monroe.in.us

- a. Are you currently working on any heat related projects? No, but involved in Community Health Impact Planning that involves getting resources to low-income and homeless populations
- b. If so, are you collaborating with any other departments? No
- c. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan? Yes

Emergency Management Department (contacted by Shawn)

Name: Justin Baker Number: 812-349-2533 Email: justinbaker@co.monroe.in.us

Name: Jamie Neibel Number: 812-349-2533 Email: jneibel@co.monroe.in.us

- a. Are you currently working on any heat related projects? They open cooling centers at fire departments during a heat wave that lasts several days. They follow the NWS heat advisories. They post information on social media and their website.
- b. If so, are you collaborating with any other departments? No
- c. Do you have any heat-related illness and death data for Monroe County? No
- d. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan? Yes - spoke with Justin

Planning Department (contacted by Shawn)

Name: Linda Thompson Number: 812-349-3423 Email: thompsol@bloomington.in.gov

- a. Are you currently working on any heat mitigation projects? Only planting more street trees

- b. If so, are you collaborating with any other departments? No
- c. Does the City of Bloomington have any heat related ordinances? No
- d. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan? Yes

Bloomington Hospital

Name: _____

Number: _____ Email: _____

- a. Are you currently working on any heat related projects?
- b. If so, are you collaborating with any other departments?
- c. Do you have any heat-related illness and death data for Monroe County? If not, how is this data collected? How do you code heat-related illnesses and report them to the State Health Department?
- d. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan?

Utilities Department (contacted by Nolan)

Name: _____

Number: _____ Email: _____

- a. Are you working on any heat mitigation projects such as green infrastructure (bioswales, rain gardens, permeable paving)?
- b. Are you working with any other departments on heat-related projects?
- c. Does the city have any policies to suspend utility shutoffs during an extreme heat event? How would this impact your department's revenue?
- d. Are you willing to join a Heat Health Task Force to create a Heat Management Plan?

Red Cross (contacted by Shawn)

Name: Patricia Colon Number: _____ Email:
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Has an Extreme Heat Education Program

Other Possible Contacts:

Health Net - homeless team

Homeless Shelters

Community Resource Officers

Assisted Living Facilities