

**Regional Health Alliance Choose Health Calhoun Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Date: 11/15/16**

***Present:*** *Ted Dearing, Bill Greer, Linn Kracht, Nancy MacFarlane, Terry Modert, Don Schils, Angela Stewart, Briana Stuck*

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item & Discussion Notes** | **Decisions/Next Steps** |
| 4:05p.m. | **I. Call to Order**   * Ted Dearing called meeting to order. |  |
| 4:06p.m. | **II. Purpose of Meeting**   * The purpose of this meeting is continued discussion on next steps to bridge the gap from local to tourism in becoming a trail town. |  |
| 4:07p.m. | **III.** **Discussion**   * Handout on “What is a Trail Town” from: <http://www.liaa.org/downloads/trail_town_manual.pdf>. * Design blue print * How often is Linear Park Trail utilized by tourists now? Mostly local. * Gap – nothing links Linear to east and west currently. * North Country Trails building kiosk near Math & Science Center. * Create a parking “homebase” area downtown tom park and go from. |  |
| 4:40p.m. | **IV.**  **Handout from Nancy Krupiarz. Purpose: To come up with designs and specifications for all route types of the 250+ mile Great Lake to Lake Trail from South Haven to Port Huron, MI, using the City of Battle Creek as the demonstration site.**   * Nancy is looking to us to collaborate in how to connect Linear to larger trails. * What to market this trail under when all 4 trails come together? * Renaming Linear Park? * Make our destination an “event” to attract tourists. * Do we want a common trail name across all of Calhoun County? * Signage to include the ways to each trail and local amenities. * Funding? Nancy Krupiarz has funding and designer to create a blue print for Battle Creek and Calhoun County being the pilot. |  |
| 4:58p.m. | **VII. Items for Next Meeting**   * Nancy Krupiarz to present at December meeting. * Include representatives from Homer, Albion, Marshall and North Country Trails at December meeting. |  |
| 5:00p.m. | **VIII. Adjourn** | **Next Meeting:**  **Tuesday, December 20th, 2016, at 4:00pm**  **BCCF Community Room** |