



Ishpeming Community Assessment

Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

Bell Memorial Hospital

9:00a.m.-10:15a.m.	Tour: Meet at Bell Hospital Lobby
10:15a.m.-11:30a.m.	Meeting #1: Elected/Approved Officials
11:30a.m.-12:45p.m.	Lunch: Bell Hospital
1:00p.m.-2:15p.m.	Meeting #2: Service Providers
2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.	Meeting #3: Business Owners
3:45p.m.-5:00p.m.	Meeting #4: Education and Youth
5:00p.m.-6:15p.m.	Dinner
6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.	Town Hall Meeting

Meeting #1 – City staff, elected/appointed officials, Tribal leadership, Police, DDA Director, County Administrator

Meeting #2 – Service Providers – churches, service organizations, library, historical society, volunteer groups, non-profits, Sr Center, Hospital Foundation, Clinic Director, Salvation Army, St Vincent, Historic Society

Meeting #3 – Business owners, community economic development professionals, banks, Chamber of Commerce, local developers, UPCO, SEMCO, IBA, Mines, Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, Museum

Meeting #4 – Youth and Education: Bd Members, students, YAC, Health Dept Onsite Clinic, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 906, Start the Cycle

Townhall – Everyone!

The goals of the evening meeting:

1. Gather feedback regarding the community vision for Ishpeming and surrounding area.
2. Identify the assets of Ishpeming.
3. Identify short and mid-term projects (and volunteers) that can help move the community toward that vision.

Questions to be asked in small group meetings:

1. What are the major problems and challenges in your community?
2. What are the major strengths and assets in your community?
3. What would you like to accomplish in your community?
4. If money was no object, what would be your “dream” project? (We do this in a “lightening round” so everyone answers)

<date>

<name>

<agency>

<address>

Dear <name>

We are writing to you on behalf of a team of community leaders assembled by the Community Foundation of Marquette County working to grow a prosperous economy in our community. The Community Foundation of Marquette County was selected by the Council of Michigan Foundations to participate in the Rural Economic Development Cohort initiative. The purpose of this Initiative is to: build community leadership capabilities to support economic development; assist community foundations to engage with other local actors working on economic development; to complete a community assessment; and receive expert guidance to turn results into action.

The specific reason we are reaching out is to invite you to participate in the community assessment. We will be holding four (4) focus groups on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018, inviting representatives from specific categories of community leaders. In the evening, we will conduct a community-wide meeting at <time and location> Bell Hospital to hear from everyone in the community. With community input, we will identify an area of focus to advance economic development planning.

We invite you to participate in the <category> focus group to be held from <time> on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 to be held at Bell Hospital if you have questions please call or email <name, phone and email>. Please RSVP by <date> to <name, email>.

Thank you so much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Anthony
Chief Executive Officer