

**Key questions to ask prior to *initiative development* to maximize use of resources and effective impact on population health metrics:**

Can it be linked to the current top ten priorities set by Mayo Clinic Health Systems Albert Lea & Austin (MCHS) and Mower County Community Health Services (MCCHS)?

Can it be linked to the current top three community health needs determined by the Community Health Needs Assessment completed every three years by MCHS AL & AU?

Does it engage, equip and/or empower?

Is it solution-focused and strength-based?

Is it sustainable with limited resources?

Can it be duplicated/shared easily?

Can we engage other community partners to develop and implement?

Are there programs addressing needs currently in place that are successful that we can partner with?

What are we learning from on-going evaluation of effort/event?

What is going well and how can we grow more of what is showing promised?

Do we have the appropriate voices at the table?

Does it engage variety of personalities?

Does it grow both capabilities AND capacity?

**ENGAGE** in efforts making healthy choices easier in Mower County

**EQUIP** communities to grow sustainable wellness solutions

**EMPOWER** people to create a culture of wellness where they live, work, play and learn