The first meeting of the Clayton Public Health Issue Work Group was held on Friday, June 10th. The Clayton County Archway Partnership Executive Committee identified Community Health as a priority issue as it affects all facets of the community. The Executive Committee made a decision to create a Public Health Issue Work Group. The Clayton County Public Health Issue Work Group will identify and establish public health priority issues in the community. The Archway Partnership will provide resources from the University of Georgia (UGA) and the University System of Georgia to address priorities identified.

Organizations represented included the Clayton County Board of Health, Clayton State University, Southern Regional Medical Center, Clayton Children and Family Services, Clayton County Public Schools, Clayton County Senior Services, Kaiser Permanente, and many others. Matt Bishop, Operations Coordinator for the Archway Partnership, provided the members of the Clayton Public Health Issue Work Group with an overview of the Archway Partnership. Dr. Marsha Davis and Ashley Wells, UGA College of Public Health faculty members conducted a presentation on the public health training centers. The question was asked, “Who else needs to be a part of this work group?” Attendees stressed that every organization that affects public health should be included. UGA faculty members informed the work group of other resources available to Clayton County through UGA and the University System of Georgia. Kathy Marshall, Southern Regional Hospital provided the committee with an update on a new Diabetes Prevention program in Clayton County. Several members of the Clayton Public Health Issue Work Group shared information about other programs in Clayton and the surrounding communities. The Clayton Public Health Issue Work Group will meet monthly to build on the momentum of this first meeting.