

**Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary
March 17, 2011
9:00 am – Englewood United Methodist Church**

Present: Beth Harrison, Victoria Rice, Norrine Donaldson, Jennifer Perry, Ralph Morgan

Jennifer Perry welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

Englewood Community Care Clinic, Inc.

Beth Harrison shared information on the Englewood Community Care Clinic, Inc.. The Clinic used community volunteers to serve the medical needs of the uninsured of the Englewood Community. They use the facilities at the Charlotte County Health Department on San Casa. They are open 2 evenings a week. In the two months they have been open, they have seen over 200 patients. They are continuing to recruit physicians and nurses, as well as other volunteers for reception services, etc.

They do not take appointments; it is walk-in. Monday and Thursdays from 5 pm- 8pm. The clinic provides episodic care, not primary and on-going. Patients are asked to bring a current pay stub or last year's tax return and a picture ID.

Phone number is 941.681.3765

Email: info@englewoodclinic.org

Web: www.englewoodclinic.org

April 5th at 5 pm will be a formal ribbon cutting for the clinic.

Diane Ramseyer informed the group that the Primary Clinic Services currently at the South County Resource Center will be moving to the North Port Clinic May. Dental Services and some other services will continue at the Venice site. More information will be coming out shortly.

Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness – 10 Year Plan

Jennifer Perry and Diane Ramseyer provided an overview of the work being done to create a 10 year plan “to end homelessness” in Sarasota. A meeting in South County will be held on March 25 at the R.L. Anderson Administration Building at 1:30 pm – Commission Chambers. Community members and agencies from the south county area are encouraged to be at this meeting.

The group has 5 committees working on specific goals. The committees are:

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Economic stability
Health and Human Services
Housing
Prevention and Early Intervention
Safety and Community Outreach

Helping Hand is now inputting data into the HMIS (homeless information system) which will help provide more accurate picture of this issue in the community.

Announcements:

Helping Hand is preparing for their fund-raiser at Stone Crabs – May 6th.

Food Pantry at Helping Hand needs staples.

Norrine provided the Prime Times from Senior Friendship Center.

Ralph indicated that the Suncoast Workforce Board is expecting more jobs to be available for those accessing its services.

LOVN CHAT is holding a community forum – Rx for Wellbeing – on March 24th from 10-3pm. Area health providers will speak on issue related to importance of the patient-doctor relationship and understanding the relationship between what we ingest and our medications and how it affects us.

Englewood Area Agency Meeting – April 21st – 9:00 am
Englewood United Methodist Church

CHAT Meeting – May 19th, 2011 – 9:00 am
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CHAT is the Community Health Action Team –

<http://www.chip4health.org/englewood.htm>

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