

Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary
January 19, 2012

Present: Jennifer Perry, Victoria Rice, Dr. Faezah Andrews, Chris Ziegler, Nicole Waite, Eric Stockley, Teresa Nordentiono, Beth Harrison

Chair, Jennifer Perry welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

Current Action Area Updates and Review

Action Area 1: *Support and enhance ways of creating awareness of resources and services in the community, including advocacy to sustain programs (like 2-1-1 Charlotte) which are effective*

- Dr. Andrews reported that on February 14th, there will be a commission meeting regarding 2-1-1 Charlotte.
- 2-1-1 in Charlotte is working in partnership with DCF to for advocacy regarding food stamp applications and assisting moving through the process.
- Helped with the holiday outreaches in Charlotte County
- Helped with the "tow-to-go" efforts to provide free rides for persons who have been drinking on New Years.

Action Area 2: *Identify and help implement ways to increase affordable, fresh and healthy foods*

- Update on Farmer's Market Collaborations – Jennifer Perry updated that there are now 2 Farm Markets – one on Thursdays (9-2 pm) on W. Dearborn, and 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at Englewood United Methodist Church (9-1pm).
- The Thursday market is working on certification for SNAP (Food Stamps) and now has a non-profit booth (free) and rotated among those who sign up. Sign up is on their website – www.inglewoodfarmersmarket.org

Identifying Action Areas for 2012 (continuation or new) – Group reviewed the 2010 Community Health Survey Summary for Charlotte County.

Sharing Time

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Charlotte County Homeless Coalition – working on their 10-year plan and will be doing a “Point in Time” Count for persons who are homeless.

Step-Up Sarasota – Diane shared Sarasota County’s 10-year plan to end homelessness.

New Englewood Helping Hand has a new brochure.

Crop Walk – Last Saturday in February – ¼ raised goes to Englewood Helping Hand and ¾ goes to Church World Service programs.

Employment Services – Van continues to come to Englewood Helping Hand to help with employment seeking.

Reminder – Charlotte 2-1-1 can help with the food stamp process.

2nd Thursday of the month at Charlotte County Health Dept – 1100 Loveland Blvd. – 3 pm – Meeting with providers in Charlotte County (Charlotte Continuum of Care –“3C” meeting)

Chris shared how the school has been responding to the recent death of a Lemon Bay High School student.

Loveland Campus of the Health Department – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs – open until 6 pm for extended hours.

COAD – Diane shared that Sarasota County’s Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) is trying to better engage south county organizations. They would like to meet with each of the CHATs. Will schedule for March meeting.

HepC Clinic now open on Thursdays at Dr. Asperilla’s Office in Promenades.

Library

- Mobile Health Unit continues coming regularly
- Library turns 50 this year

Edgewater United Methodist Church in Port Charlotte – Go Days on the 4th Saturday of the month - services for persons in need

Englewood Agency Roundtable Meets Feb 16th- 9:00 am

Next CHAT Meeting will be March 15th, 2012 – 9:00 am

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