

Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary July 19, 2012

Present: Windsor Eveland, Jennifer Perry, Phyllis Balliett, Victoria Rice, Eric Stockley, Lori North, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome – Jennifer Perry, Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

Presentation – Phyllis Balliett, Manager of the Caregiver Community Resource Center for the Senior Friendship Centers, provided information on the Adult Daycare service at Senior Friendship Center in Venice. They provide meal during the day as well as active stimulation through activities (from chair exercises to mental stimulation and crafting). There is also entertainment in the afternoon from local volunteer performers. They can help arrange transportation through SCAT, but the senior fee for the bus still applies. Veterans may be eligible for special funding to help offset/pay fee. It is \$10/hour, and there is a sliding fee scale for those with financial need. They recommend a minimum of 4 hours for 2 days/week. Pam Edmunds can provide a tour and answer questions on site – call 941.584.0004 for an appointment.

There is also the Caregiver Resource Center which provides support and resources for caregiver. They offer a support group, too and assist in making referrals to appropriate resources and supports based upon individual situation. The Center offers a schedule of classes to help caregivers better understand dementia and other valuable information to help equip caregivers.

Services are available to both Charlotte and Sarasota County Residents. One exception is their “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” class, but, call to see if there are arrangements that can be made if interested. They are working to bring some of the caregiving classes to Englewood area. Jennifer offered Elsie Quirk Library, and Victoria indicated that the Methodist Church is another site that is open to providing space for such presentations.

“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” – Wednesday Oct 10, 17, 24, 31, and November 7th and 14th in Venice.

Caregiver Resource Center also has a special software program that helps memory and brain stimulation – Call Jane Van Emburg to make an appointment for dakim (Brain Fitness) at 941.584.0071.

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

Next CHAT Meeting will be September 20th – 9:00 am

Our Mission: The Englewood Community Health Action Team (CHAT) will increase awareness, access and availability of Health Care and Social Services in the Englewood Community.