

## Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary February 21, 2013

**Present:** Jennifer Perry, Eric Stockley, Bobbi Burton, Joe Blais, Susan Todd, Zara Anderson, Kathy & Dave Nelson, Faezah Andrews, Aimee Kirvin

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

**Special Presentation**— *New Paradigm Foundation*- Dick and Kathleen Nelson shared information on this program for persons who are homeless. They help people as a last resort, using private money which enables them to do things other organizations may not be able to do. Currently, there are 15 units available in Charlotte County. There must be least 1 parent with child/children under 17. Rents run \$375 to 450 but are set by HUD guidelines – no more than 30% of income. No animals, there must be a stable income. 12-18 month leases with 90 day probationary period. This is transitional housing to get folks back on their feet. They provide a holistic program, including a 9 week financial class, and an assigned mentor. There is an upcoming Mentor training class with Dr. Paul Powers. 2-1-1 said they could help provide grant data. They are holding a Gala, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Boca Royale golf club.

Additionally, there is *Project Phoenix*, which collects household items and to help people who are starting over. Participants are received through referral. It provides the basic fundamentals for free. This is their first year. Always need volunteers. Furniture is the biggest need.

### **Updates and Announcements -**

*Charlotte County Health Department:* The Punta Gorda facility is now closed and Loveland is closing their primary care, dental and pediatric. A family care health center clinic located in the county is expected to address this gap. HIV Prevention is turning from prevention emphasis to medication compliance. Eric is looking for distribution points for the free condom program.

**Next meeting 3/21/13 at 9 a.m.  
Englewood United Methodist Church  
“Re-Purposing” – Our Vision and Mission**

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