
Community health depends on community voices

Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary
May 16, 2013

Present: Carol Kouba, Susan Todd, Jennifer Perry, Phyllis Balliott, John McCarthy, Carrie Gréus, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions – Jennifer Perry welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

SCOPE – John McCarthy, Interim Director of SCOPE, presented on the mission of SCOPE to bring community together to discuss and identify issues for further exploration. John has been with SCOPE for nine months. The past year has been a year of transition. One of the areas of impact they are continuing and emphasizing is that of data analysis, especially using GIS to map information and provide a visual in this manner.

- *Data Collaborative* – web based platform to help the community learn about their community and have access to local data. The Urban Institute is helping develop this platform. The goal is to have crime, health, election, education, and other civic data in layers to help visualize the community's information.
- *Open Green Map* – partnership project which will show things such as:
 - Where to charge your electric car
 - Sustainability workshops
- *Data for Community Building* – offer organizations analysis of community demographics, non-profit services, etc. to help determine local need
- *Community Conversations* - convening activities. SCOPE staff was recently sent to Harwood Institute to build on their skills to convening communities - through "Community Conversations". This area is one of their activities that they will be pursuing more strongly in the coming year – around the topic of education. They can also do "community conversations" for individual organizations around their work/mission.
- *Community Data 2.1* – will launch a new round of community data workshops in August
- *Community Report Card* – has not been done in a while and will be updated and available in printed version as well as online, due to community requests for printed material
- *Building community partnerships*- using "community conversations" to build collaboration

There may be opportunities to expand beyond Sarasota County – so feel free to contact John to discuss. He can be reached at 941.365.8751 or jmccarthy@scopexcel.org.

Sue Todd asked John if SCOPE might help analyze local data, primarily health and human service data for the Charlotte County Access to Healthcare CHIP committee. Diane and Jennifer reminded the group about the 2010 CHIP Community Health Data report and its information on Englewood, as well as Charlotte County.

Announcements – Health in Motion returns to Englewood at Elsie Quirk Library – info will be sent with meeting summary.

Next CHAT Meeting will be June 20 – 9:00 am