

**Team:** Newtown CHAT

**Date:** April 22, 2014, 6:00pm

**Place:** Robert L Taylor Community Complex

**Next Meeting Time/Place:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 6:00pm

## Attendees:

Vicki Bartz, Pascale D. Edouard, Barbara Powell- Harris, Monique Kunz, Natayle Oratokhai

## Updates, Progress & New Information Since Last Meeting

### Newtown CHAT Vision and Mission Statements

- Vision Statement
  - “Working Together to Create a Healthier Newtown”
- Mission Statement
  - “To promote a healthy thriving community through increased community resources for a healthier tomorrow.”

### Roy McBean Boys and Girls Club

- Meeting with Ms. Barbara Bane, Program Director
- Nutrition and Health Eating programs offered to youth include:
  - Healthy Habits Program
  - All Faith’s Food Bank Cooking Matters (6-8 week program)
  - Culinary Program
  - Composting Classes
  - Learning Garden

### Youth Garden & Nutrition Education Program

- Multi-purpose youth group with a broad scope of projects that affect the health of the community
  - Initial project: Food access, nutrition & gardening education
- Youth group will primarily focus on the youth in Newtown, however will reach beyond Newtown boundaries
- Using existing youth groups in the community (i.e. Roy McBean Boys and Girls Club, HARD: NOC Teen Program, etc.)
- Age group: middle school & up
  - Engaging high school junior and seniors as peer mentors/volunteers
- Launch date
  - Summer 2014-Mid June
  - June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day of school

- Need-Creating a curriculum/program that is specific to the Newtown Community-Pascale
- Possible Program Sites
  - Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
  - Roy McBean Boys and Girls Club
  - Orange Blossom Community Garden
- Community partners to engage
  - All Faith's Food Bank Cooking Matters
  - UF IFAS/Extension Offices –Maria Rometo and Stacy Spriggs
  - Dr. Tahiri of Naturali Pro Florida LLC
  - Camille Van Sant- Green Garden Chef
  - Ringling School of Arts and Design students
  - Local sorority and fraternity alumni chapters
  - Junior League Sarasota
  - Healthy Start
- **BIG PICTURE VISION:** connecting Newtown youth group to other youth groups in Florida (i.e. [Tallahassee, FL iGrow Youth Group](#), etc.) through telephone conferences and webinars as a peer to peer platform for information exchange

### **Sarasota Housing Authority Gospel Explosion**

- Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am-4pm
- CHAT will have a presence at the event with the primary goal of increasing community awareness of the CHAT and the Orange Blossom Community Garden
- Need: Pamphlets showcasing the CHAT and Orange Blossom Community garden will be created for this particular event & future events-Pascale

### **Announcements**

- Juliana Dearth
  - New College student very active with the CHAT will be presenting her thesis on her work in Newtown
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am
  - Location on campus, TBA
  - Please contact at: [Juliana.dearth@ncf.edu](mailto:Juliana.dearth@ncf.edu) for more info

### **CHAT Chair**

- Recruitment for a CHAT chair. Anyone interested (or willing to nominate someone) should contact Pascale ([pascale@CHIP4health.org](mailto:pascale@CHIP4health.org) ; 861.2779)

**Next meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2014 @ 6pm at Robert L. Taylor Community Complex  
Invite an interested community member!**