



**New Beginning Newtown CHAT
Meeting Summary
North County Library
February 22, 2011 at 6:00 pm**

Present: Beverly Phelps, Barbara Langston, Barbara Powell-Harris, Katie Leonard-Lasch, Shirley Stanford, Tawanda Seymour, Mary Davis, James McCloud, Dr. Lisa Merritt, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions – Beverly Phelps welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

Updates

“My World” – Report Submitted by Amy Lovejoy

Thanks to the wonderful partnership between CHAT, SCLO and Ringling College, the My World Project is nearing completion. As mentioned in the update given at the last CHAT meeting, an achievement ceremony was held on February 20th. The t-shirts themselves had not yet been printed and so a formal display of the finished t-shirts will be included in the March 19th Health Expo.

This has been a remarkable project that increased the participants’ observational, communication, and computer skills as well as their feelings of self-worth. Ringling College has indicated that they would be interested in repeating the project and we hope, with the support of CHAT through the use of the cameras, that we would be able to offer this opportunity to our underserved youth once again.

PACE-EH Committee – Katie Leonard-Lasch (Report below from the February 11th Meeting Summary)

Katie gave a recap of the last meeting and discussed timeline’s for the assessment tasks; the group decided to meet twice a month. Various local ADA/property maintenance resources were shared with the group (i.e. Suncoast Center for Independent Living, City of Sarasota Barrier Removal Program).

The group briefly discussed the issue of lighting as Ms. Albee was unable to make it to this meeting. Pictures of different lighting (i.e. Metal Halide, Mercury Vapor, High Pressure Sodium, and Low Pressure Sodium) were shared with the group.

The group began discussion on the goals of the assessment. In terms of property maintenance, the group would like to create awareness about community distressed properties as well as rehabilitate properties owned by individuals that have physical or mental disabilities.

The group analyzed the issue of property maintenance within the assessment area. The group identified contributing factors, environmental conditions, exposure factors, affected populations, public health protection factors and environmental health status. Curtis provided examples of two homes that were distressed; the group used these examples as a guide.

*Next Meetings: Upcoming meetings will be **Wednesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 16th at 10:15 am at the North Sarasota Library.** We will invite Alison Albee, Environmental Specialist with the City of Sarasota to discuss the lighting issues/concerns and how PACE-EH can work with the City.*

During our March meetings meeting's we will analyze lighting and crime prevention/police visibility using a systems framework. We will rank our three issues, define our measurables, develop indicators and create issue profiles. (Tasks 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the PACE-EH methodology)

All were encouraged to invite other community members and groups to upcoming steering committee meetings.

SISTA Program – Tawanda, Mary and Shirley shared information on the impact the “SISTA” program has had on their lives. This is through SCLO, and is a 6-week program with emphasis on healthy life skills, parenting, substance abuse, healthy relationships (including HIV/AIDS) – ***Sisters Informing Sisters on Topics about AIDS***. James McCloud offered to work on waiving fees for women’s health medical check-ups at Genesis for SISTA graduates.

Other Business

March 17th CRA Training at Selby Goodwill at 5:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory if an organization is applying for a CRA grant. Discussed the CHAT looking at a partnership for grant – possibly the program shared last fall by Jill Collins at All Faiths Food Bank or another project to deal with obesity issues. It is \$5000 to \$25,000. There is a requirement for match which needs to be figured out – and the suggestion was made for SCLO to be the 501 c 3 applicant. No decision on who would write it at this point.

- Train-the-Trainer (All Faiths Program)
- Fitness
- Monitoring
- Nutrition and Cooking (Garden)

Dr. Merritt asked for the group to pool suggestions for the grant by March 1st. They can do so by responding to the email sent out with this evening’s meeting summary.

Announcements

March 19th – Health Expo in area surrounding Selby Goodwill, Children First and Newtown Redevelopment Office

Genesis offers women’s clinic with free mammograms, pap testing, etc. -941.957.1970 for appointment.

National HIV/AIDS Testing Week – Housing Authority, HANS and City are doing programs for awareness and testing this week – Wednesday and Thursday Night at City Hall.

United Congregational Church – “Just as I Am – the Life, the Times, the Voice of Mahalia Jackson” February 25-28th at 7 pm. Sunday the 27th at 2:30 pm. And, March 4-5th at 7 pm and the 6th at 2:30 pm.

STEM- May 14th will be the one day seminar for youth – Dr. Merritt will get contact information.

March 2nd at Children’s First – Healthy Start Class on Childbirth Education, Back to Sleep, and Breastfeeding– call Beverly at 373-7070 ext 306

Office of Minority Health is awarding recognition to someone who has made an impact in the area of minority health/disparities. See Katie if you have a recommendation for this award.