



Newtown CHAT Meeting Summary
November 27, 2012
North Sarasota Library
6pm

Present: Theresa Lochhaas, Beverly Phelps, Barbara Powell-Harris, Joyce Raby, Virginia Stephens, Katie Leonard.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed and introductions were provided

Group Discussion

2013 CHAT Meetings – The group discussed upcoming meetings and continued the conversation about having 4 larger meetings based on the goals of the Newtown CHAT. The group felt it would be beneficial to give a brief presentation at these meetings as well as have a panel discussion and time for networking with community partners. The goal-based meetings will tentatively be scheduled for February, May, July and October 2013.

2013 goal-based meeting dates and topics:

- February – Community violence and crime and its impact on public health.
- May – Healthy food options and opportunities within the community.
- July – Child and Youth health in North Sarasota (i.e. breastfeeding and D-FY).
The group noted that the Newtown CHAT normally does not meet in the summer months; however, a meeting in July that focused on youth (i.e. D-FY) and breastfeeding awareness may be beneficial.
- October – Community awareness about environmental health issues (i.e. distressed properties).

Newtown CHAT meetings in January, March, April, May, and September would be used for planning and around-the-table discussions/updates on community health issues.

Updates/Around the Table

Beverly directed the group to the Healthy Start website for information on upcoming fundraisers and events.

Joyce discussed the Safe Kids initiative taking place in Manatee County and the possibility of the program coming to Sarasota County. The program focuses on driver education and teaches safe driving to youth prior to them receiving their driver's license.

Barbara mentioned the need for a bike rodeo in the community to educate residents on bicycle safety.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2012

6-7pm

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