

Community health depends on community voices

**North Port CHAT Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2010 4:30 pm**

Present: Fay Williams, David Carter, Patricia Scheerer, Kari Ellingstad, Monica Becket, Todd Konen, Lorna DeRiggs, Christyl Lunsford, Linda Johnson, Tom Jones, Brenda Szych, Sam George, Janis Russell, Hilary Woodcum, Tom Davie, Mary McDonald, Linda Stone, Ken Alexander, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions – Fay Williams, Co-chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

September Meeting Summary Acceptance – September Summary accepted as written.

Update on “North Port Celebrates Health Care” – Anne Marie Lupien shared the progress in planning for this March 30, 2011 event. The City Commission agreed to co-sponsor the event at City Hall. Anne Marie has also spent a considerable amount of time updating the list of physicians and dentists in the community. The group expressed gratitude to Anne Marie for her efforts.

Update on the CHIP Community Health Survey – Kari Ellingstad, CHIP Director, provided an update on the analysis of the 2010 Community Health Survey. This is the third survey CHIP has conducted. This year, the survey was expanded to include DeSoto and Charlotte Counties. Approximately 54% of the 3000 surveys sent to Sarasota County residents were returned. This survey has been used by CHATs and other CHIP groups (i.e., the Health Provocateur Group – all the CEOs of hospitals and health departments in Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto and Manatee Counties). Another group which was formed is a county-wide effort to address obesity. This group has workgroups dealing with the local food system, walking school buses, breastfeeding and “branding a healthy Sarasota”. This group will meet at Selby Library tomorrow (14th) at 12:30 pm. Kari briefly explained the “social entrepreneurial small business” concept of “branding” committee.

Kari shared the survey document and some of the initial data analyzed. Watch for a final document in the coming weeks.

Updates –

Health Services Committee – Sam George provided an update on the work of the Health Services Committee. This included a re-capped of the Tampa Bay Business Journal’s 2010 Health Care Hero Award. The CHAT was one of 4 finalists for the “Team” Category. The committee continues efforts on the Physician appreciation event (see Update above). Additionally, the committee is working with the Knight Owl Kiwanis Club to hold a February Health Care Expo.

Linda Stone was nominated as the in-coming Chair for the Health Services Committee for 2011-2012 (two year term).

The North Port Health Clinic is seeking continuation as a Federally Qualified Health Center.

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They request a letter of support from the CHAT for this application, as well as a letter to the State of Florida requesting additional staffing for the Clinic. A motion was made and approved to direct the Chairs in sending both letters of support.

Discussion was held on how to show gratitude to the organizations who have worked to bring more health services into the community. For example, the meeting held with SMH and All Children's Hospital to advocate for pediatrics. The new pediatricians coming in to the community are an outcome of these discussions. Additionally, in response to the CHAT's focus in July on homeless school-age children, Venice Regional staff gathered a large number of personal care items to donate to the Coalition. The group agreed it would be good to formally recognize these contributions to the community.

There was a brief discussion about possible issues related youth at risk for "dropping out" of school, or who have "dropped out". Discussed the need to explore what programs are in the greater Sarasota area, and opportunities for them to have a stronger presence in the North Port area.

NP-ASAP Update – There are 40 formal members to the NP D-Fy at this point, with additional applications waiting to be processed. Monica re-capped the September Guitar Hero event. More businesses are being added to the Partnership.

There were over 20 lbs. of prescription meds turned in at the DEA event held at the Police Department. Thanks to the North Port Police Department for their efforts in bringing "Take Back" Days to the community. Another event will be held on November 13th.

SCOSA and the City of North Port will be holding a Town Hall Forum in the City Hall Chambers on Rx Abuse.

CHAT Leadership for 2011 – the group has already confirmed Linda Stone as the Health Services Committee Chair. Monica indicated that the NP-ASAP workgroup is not ready to propose a chair at this time, but, will be discussing in November. There is still an opening for a co-chair for the CHAT, as Fay Williams' term expires end of December 2010. Tom Davie nominated Sam George, who accepted.

Heron Creek Community Foundation - Linda Johnson presented the group with information on the newly formed Heron Creek Community Foundation. They are not in a position to hand out funds, but are actively identifying ways in which community members can volunteer and help in the community according to their interests. One event they will be holding is a CPR Class.

Community Announcements

There will be a forum on Prescription Drug Abuse at Riverview High School – 5:30 pm on October 20th. Dr. Russell Vega – Medical Examiner – will be a speaker, along with representatives from Coastal Behavioral Health and First Step of Sarasota.

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SCOSA is holding a 50/50 raffle in conjunction with its Golf Outing this weekend – see Hilary.

Library Events:

Caregiving Programs – every other Friday

December 2nd – free Medicare prescription drug sign-up assistance

Neurobics – Speaker on “Aerobics for the Brain” and “What you are eating may be eating you”
– call Library for dates and times.

Next Newcomer Day is November 6th 10 –noon at the library

North Port Health Clinic anticipates being in their new building by mid-January.

Fall Festival – October 16th – 10th Annual Harvest Fair – Early Bird Kiwanis sponsor this annual event with crafts, activities, vendors and food – 9-2pm.

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Meeting Dates to Remember

November 2nd 6:30 pm – NP-ASAP and NP D-Fy Workgroup Meeting – Family Services Ctr

November 4th 4:00 pm – Health Services Committee at Family Services Center

November 10th - 4:00 pm – Next CHAT– North Port Police Department

November 30th – 6:00 pm – Community Town Hall on Prescription Drug Abuse – North Port City Hall Commission Chambers

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