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## **North Port CHAT Meeting Summary** **November 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 4:30 pm**

**Present:** Fay Williams, David Carter, Hilary Woodcum, Janis Russell, Kat Newland, Linda Stone, Don Vande Krol, Todd Konen, Patrica Sheerer, Christyl Lunsford, Sherry Means, Susan Owens, Sam George, Tom Jones, Barbara Gross, Lorna DeRiggs, Monica Becket, Tom Davie, Jonathon Spence, Diane Ramseyer

**Welcome and Introductions** – Fay Williams and David Carter, Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

Sam George shared that he, Monica and Diane were able to attend Jack Fournier's funeral at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. A donation from the CHAT will be given in his honor to Tidewell Hospice. Please let Diane know if you wish to contribute by end of the week.

**Journey's Program** – Jonathon Spence from Coastal Behavioral Health Care shared information the Journey's Program. This is a youth substance abuse treatment and aftercare program providing outreach, IHOS (In Home, On Site) treatment and recovery support to youth (13-19 years of age) who:

1. live in the community and present with severe substance abuse problems that lead to crisis, emergency room admissions, and potential residential placements;
2. and/or, have completed a residential substance abuse treatment program and will be re-entering the community.

Services are providing in accordance with the family and youth's schedule and accessibility – whether at home or school – does not require youth or family to go to an office – community based. Program works with family as well as youth.

For information: **24/7 Hotline: 941-552-2687** – phone staffed 24/7 and will make appointment to see client within the next business day.

This program can take insurance, Medicaid and those without insurance.

### **Updates:**

**Health Services Committee** – Sam George updated the group on the work of this committee. There is a growing list of new medical providers for the committee to welcome. The CHAT wishes to thank Anne Marie Lupien for her efforts at updating the listing of current and new services. On Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon – the committee will welcome Drs. Flagel - anyone who is able to come is welcome. The committee has divvied up the providers to get the welcome gift.

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An update on the Dental Sealant Project was provided. Funding considerations have been resolved by the School Nurse and Dental Services Programs at the Health Dept, opening the door for a pilot dental sealant project in North Port 2<sup>nd</sup> grade schools. The results from a survey of attendees at the Back-to School Resource Fair in August were shared with the CHAT. It must be noted that this was not a scientific survey, and results must be viewed in the context that the BTRSF requires participants to sign up in advance for the Backpacks – therefore, attendees are those families who may be more knowledgeable and able to access community supports.

	Yes	No	Total
<b>Does your child have a dentist</b>	185	62	247
<b>Does cost stop you from taking your child to the dentist</b>	97	146	243
<b>Has your child ever missed school due to dental problems?</b>	26	221	247

	6 mos. Ago	12 mos. Ago	3 yrs ago	5 yrs ago	never seen a dentist	Total
<b>My child's most recent dental visit was ...</b>	139	46	27	7	17	236

Information packets on smoking cessation resources and supports have been obtained through the Sarasota Tobacco Free Partnership and Health Department. These packets were requested by the Committee to offer to local physicians. The packets will be ready for the December meeting.

Plaques expressing appreciation for the efforts of SMH and VRMC for recent efforts (Pediatrics – SMH and support for homeless students – VRMC) are being ordered. CHAT members willing to help cover the cost of these plaques are asked to give donation to Sam.

Barbara Gross shared on the work of a group through Vision North Port to hold a wellness and healthy living expo at Warm Mineral Springs. Emphasis will be on healthy living, not health problems. Tentative date is March 12<sup>th</sup>. The CHAT's Health Services Committee continues to work with the Knight Owls Kiwanis on a health screening fair.

Commissioner Jones indicated that the Warm Mineral Springs project has been supported by County Commission, and now will go to the City Commission as a joint City-County project (5.5 million dollar tag, equally shared by city and county – with 30 month transition period in current management).

The City is also co-sponsoring the Health Care Appreciation event in March.

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**NP-ASAP** - Monica Becket updated the group on the work of this committee. There will be a Take-Back event at the North Port Police Dept from 10-2 pm. The permanent box will be installed shortly.

There are now 40 official members of NP D-Fy, with 26 more waiting to move through the process. The North Port Rotary is donating an ID Machine. The initiative was chosen to be part of a small grant which could provide drug testing and membership supplies.

Town Hall on Prescription Drugs will be held at the North Port City Commission Chambers on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm – sponsored by city and SCOSA..

Hilary shared about “Lock up your Meds” project. SCOSA is looking for partners and for community sites to distribute the information. Suggestion was made to take the information to the physician offices with the tobacco packets.

### **Community Announcements**

Knight Owl Kiwanis Club will be holding a “Tree of Lights”. \$5 donation will buy a light to honor a loved one (white light for in memory, and red light for recognition of someone living). Café Gelato will take the donations – a specially created book will list the donors and from whom the light was in recognition of. The event will be on Wednesday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

All-Pro will be holding a health care fair – Fall-Palooza – Nov 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 at the Cultural Center in Charlotte County. There will be entertainment, as well. Proceeds will be given to charity and to honor a special recipient.

North Port Health Center will hold a ribbon cutting on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. They hope to be open by middle of January.

Library – SFC will hold 4 classes through the Caregiver’s Resource Center – for family caregivers. Library will also host a Medicare enrollment question and answer event – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-4 pm – receive 1:1 attention to answer your questions. SHINE continues to be there every Thursday afternoon to help with questions.

“An 1800’s Christmas” will be at the library on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – 1-5pm.

### **Meeting Dates to Remember**

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - Rx Take-back at police station (10-2) And– NP D-Fy at KidsFest (2-6)**

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Prescription Drug Abuse Town Hall Forum at City Hall – 6 pm**

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4:00 pm – Health Services Com – North Port Family Services Center**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – NP-ASAP/NP D-Fy meeting.**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm - Next CHAT– North Port Police Department**

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