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## **North Port CHAT Meeting Summary** **October 12, 4:30 pm**

**Present:** Sam George, Todd Konen, Linda Stone, Sherry Beasley, Janis Russell, Susan Owens, Ken Alexander, Lou Galterio, Megan Berhalter, Vince Giuffre, Crissa Harman, Monica Becket, Tom Davie, Commissioner Tom Jones, Diane Ramseyer

**Welcome and Introductions-** Sam George, Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

**Special Presentation** – Lou Galterio, Suncoast RHIO, presented an update on what is happening in the world of Regional Healthcare Information Organizations. The Suncoast RHIO has been around for about 3 years. Electronic medical records and creating health information exchanges are all part of federal requirements to help make patient information accessible (with permission) across regions according to patient need. The federal government offers incentives to help medical providers adopt electronic health records.

He also explained the difference between a personal health record (patient creates their own record) and electronic health record (created by physicians). Health exchanges help transport this information to different medical providers in accordance with patient permission. This means if a patient has an injury or illness outside their home area, their health history and information can be electronically and readily available to treating provider. Health exchanges are often organized regionally – hence, Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO).

Lou also provided an overview of future applications related to RHIO's – including insurance comparisons and information on Accountable Care Organizations.

Responding to questions, Lou explained the development and differences between the State Health Information Exchange and private HIE's. He indicated it is often seen as a back-up for communities who do not have a private HIE. He also discussed ways in which the information is uploaded into the exchange – scanning, voice or keyed input.

### **Community Updates**

*North Port Coalition on Homeless and Needy Students* – They plan to pack 380 backpacks/hygiene packs for North Port children this month.

*Pastor Luncheon* – About a dozen churches were represented at the September event. They learned about local services through the Children's Clothing Closet, North Port Social Services, and North Port Health Center. They agreed they would like to continue to meet, and made arrangements to share contact information.

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## Committee Updates

**Health Services Committee** – Linda Stone, committee chair, shared an update on the work of this group. They are working on a speaker's bureau to help get health, wellness and resource information out in the community. They are currently working on a presentation related to adult immunizations. See additional information on the meeting summary attached.

**NP-ASAP/NP D-Fy** – Monica Becket, chair, updated on the work of NP-ASAP and the NP D-Fy initiative. NP-ASAP (North Port Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention) is starting a federal mentoring grant in partnership with Drug-Free Charlotte County. More information will be shared as it develops.

Over 730 youth have successfully joined NP D-Fy (North Port Drug-Free Youth). They successfully raised \$950 for testing supplies through [www.gulfcoastgives.com](http://www.gulfcoastgives.com). They are in need of additional funds for testing supplies and additional volunteers to help in various means, including support activities which can be done from home.

Reach Out Recovery is having a concert next weekend (21<sup>st</sup>) which is free and features nationally and locally known musicians who are in recovery. They are providing a chartered bus to take youth from North Port and Venice.

Tom Davie will be working on a Drug-Free Workplace Policy program through First Step and will offering this to local businesses in conjunction with NP D-Fy so that we can build up businesses in the community that have a distinction of being "WTW" – Walk-the-Walk.

The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week and NP-ASAP will be receiving a proclamation in commemoration.

## Community Announcements

Linda Stone indicated the County Community Action Agency Board, which is available for a North Port resident. Contact Rik Jimison, 941.861.2564.

Linda also shared information on work to help develop a county health system of care through a Patterson Foundation Grant.

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Janis Russell shared activities at the library – including the panel discussions on law issues – landlord/tenant issues in October and in November on estate planning. There will also be “financial health” events and the ongoing caregiver series (every other Friday).

Janis also shared information on “One Book One Community” initiative. The book chosen by county residents is “The Hunger Games”.

Ken Alexander shared that the County Human Services Advisory Council makes recommendations to the county commission on how to allocate county funds for local human services. He wanted to know this group to know that there is a Charter Review Board is looking at a proposal to eliminate this county funding on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Their recommendation will be given to the County Commission for consideration. The group who is making this proposal may also take the issue to county vote.

Monica shared flyer on the “Shop with a Cop” Golf Tournament.

Diane provided the CHIP Progress Report and 2010 Community Health Survey Report.

## **Meeting Dates to Remember**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm – Health Services Com – Family Services Center**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 pm – NP-ASAP/NP D-Fy meeting– Police SUBSTATION on North Port Blvd (across from Skate Park)**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm - Next CHAT– North Port Police Department**

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**North Port Health Services Committee**

September 28, 2011

**Present:** Donna Keith, Linda Stone, Anne Marie Lupien, Rosemarie Sulzbach, Monica Becket, Diane Ramseyer

**Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Stone welcomed everyone and introductions were provided. Linda introduced Donna Keith who is in charge of the immunization program at the Health Department.

**Immunization Awareness:** Donna Keith shared information on the immunization program. The purpose is to help the committee become better informed on the topic. Recently they have been able to create the opportunity for some of the adult vaccinations, including Shingles, to be covered by a special Medicare Part D program. Those persons who have the appropriate Medicare coverage has the cost of the vaccine paid, and only have to pay the co-pay assessed by Medicare Part D. This cost varies by individual.

Additional new information is that the age recommended for Shingles has dropped from age 60 to age 50. They do have some options for people who are uninsured with regard to Shingles.

Youth: Vaccinations up to age 18 are covered and this includes meningitis required by many of the universities and colleges now. There is a small amount of the vaccination for HPV and Hepatitis.

Flu Shots: It takes up to 2 weeks for a person to achieve maximum immunity to flu after vaccination. They do provide flu shots in the Health Centers, the fee will be \$32 in October (cost of vaccine and \$20 administration fee). She acknowledged that this may be more expensive than some of the other flu clinics.

There is a new flu shot for those 65 years of age and older. This is a higher dose vaccine, as historically this age has been less responsive to full immunization under a regular dose. It is quite a bit more expensive, but Medicare (Part B) covers 100%. It is the exact same flu vaccine, but stronger.

Suggestions for outreach presentation;

- Adults still need vaccinations
- Schedule of vaccinations
- Tetanus is very important – present in all types of soil. Common ways it has been gotten is through thorns, fish hooks, etc.
- Adults can get pertussis (whooping cough)- there are three different strains, so even those who have had it once, can get again. It is being discovered more and more, and can be a source for spreading to children (i.e. grandchildren). Pneumonia can be a secondary issue that occurs in elderly who have pertussis. Vaccine can wear off.

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- Physicians often do not carry the vaccinations.
- Pneumonia vaccination is recommendation for only one dose per manufacturer. It protects against 23 bacterial pneumonia viruses, cannot address viral.
- Flu shots may contain different viruses from year to year, based upon studies of prevailing viruses throughout the world as identified by WHO (World Health Organization). There will be type A virus used and a type B used. This is one reason it is important to be done annually. Additionally, the virus can change as the season proceeds. This is not a live vaccine.
- Yellow Fever, Chicken Pox, Shingles vaccine contain live virus

Request was made for Donna to provide some talking points – there information on website for Health Department immunizations. The group also suggested an ad that could be given to the +55 Communities for their cable news channel.

#### Old Business

Ads for the North Port Health Center coming up:

- Feeling Fit ad will be done twice monthly December –March
- Physician Directory for Sun
- North Port Magazine ½ page ad in October issue

Immunization bookmarks have been created

Topics for Speakers Bureau – discussed possible topics including immunizations as discussed – safety (falls and accidental poisoning, pediatric and child immunization services. Will ask for more volunteers from

New Medical Services- report from Anne Marie

- Dr. Ruben Guzman and Amy Young have opened a women’s health practice.
- Pain Clinic opened in Bobcat Trail- Anesthesiologist.

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**October 4, 2011**

**Attendees: Monica Becket, Jesse Pope, Diane Ramseyer, Brooke Dooley, Sean Viara, Tom Davie, Linda Yates**

<i>Agenda Topic: Financial Update</i>		<i>Presenter: Diane Ramseyer</i>
<i>Supporting Materials: Financial Report 10-4-11</i>		
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Diane presented an update on the funds remaining for NP D-Fy. The www.gulfcoastgives.com project was successful, providing \$950 for testing supplies. The funds from the Spring alcohol retailer scans will be fully expended with a small order for drug tests this week. A request to drawn down the \$950 has been made to replenish our supplies. The t-shirt funds will be expended shortly, as additional estimates are being sought. Strategies to raise additional funds for on-going testing supplies need to be developed as soon as possible due to the demand for membership and need to increase number of random tests done.</p>	

<i>Agenda Topic: Legal Consultation – SC Health Dept</i>		<i>Presenter: Diane Ramseyer</i>
<i>Supporting Materials: Legal Consultation</i>		
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>We received clarification on some issues related to D-Fy. In order for volunteers to fall under SCHD they must be official volunteers through the health dept, which includes a level two background screening (finger printing) and participation in their volunteer orientation process. Group discussed that many of the current volunteers have a level 2 screen through their employer, and are participating in NP D-Fy as a result of employer being a partner of NP D-Fy. This would avoid the need for them to be screened through SCHD (unless they are employed by SCHD).</p> <p>Also received was clarification on ability to share testing results with parents. Parents or guardians of any member under the age of 18 have a right to the results of the testing. We are not required to contact them, but are required to provide the information upon their request. The application will be amended to include a statement indicating parents/guardians have this right.</p>	

<i>Agenda Topic: Mentoring Grant</i>		<i>Presenter: Diane Ramseyer</i>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>A meeting has been scheduled to set the stage for implementing the Mentoring Grant with Drug-Free Charlotte County.</p>	

<i>Agenda Topic: Rock &amp; Run Concert</i>		<i>Presenter: Monica Becket</i>
<i>Supporting Materials: Legal Consultation</i>		
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Monica shared the flyer for this event in Sarasota. Reach-Out Recovery will cover the cost of a van/bus for youth in South County. We need to pull together the youth. Brooke will let Drug-Free Youth in Charlotte County know and also inquire about where they get their buses. Emma will also let The Warehouse know. Monica is working on bus options as well.</p>	

<i>Agenda Topic: Halloween Dance</i>		<i>Presenter: Monica Becket</i>
<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Plans are in the works for a Halloween dance at Morgan Center. Discussion ensued that D-Fy</p>	

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	should not be a sponsor of a “party event” that is not exclusive to D-Fy members. It was the belief of most in attendance that unless a “recruiting” event; the assumption is that any D-Fy event will only have those youth in attendance who are members – and this is an important distinction for parents. Further, it was decided that a “party” is not an appropriate “recruiting” or “open” event – and that these events need to be clearly indicated as an event for non-members to learn more about D-Fy and be able to join.
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<i>Agenda Topic:</i>	Membership Code	<i>Presenter:</i>	Diane
<i>Discussion</i>	October 1 <sup>st</sup> fee for any card replacement and notice will be added to application, as well as a statement regarding circumstances under which D-Fy membership can/will be terminated – including for unlawful behavior. Additionally, at the October Meeting, Diane will ask for youth volunteers to work on a membership code.		

<i>Agenda Topic:</i>	Drug-Free Workplace	<i>Presenter:</i>	
<i>Discussion</i>	Tom Davie, through First Step of Sarasota, is working on a Drug-Free Workplace Policy program. This will help D-Fy build “Walk-the-Walk” business partners – those with Drug-Free Workplace policies in place.		

<i>Agenda Topic:</i>	Red Ribbon Week	<i>Presenter:</i>	
<i>Discussion</i>	October 24 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm City Commission Meeting – we will accept a proclamation in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Additionally a “thank you to supporters” ad will be placed in the NP Sun and North Port Magazine. The Health Department is covering this cost drawing awareness to the CDC statement that substance abuse is the #1 youth public health issue – and indicating the growing number of NP youth who are committing to be drug, alcohol and tobacco free as a result of the community’s action and support.		

<i>Agenda Topic:</i>	T-shirts	<i>Presenter:</i>	
<i>Discussion</i>	Additional estimates are being sought.		

**Next Meeting – November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm  
North Port Police Dept. Sub-station**

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