

North Port CHAT Meeting Agenda
April 11, 2012, 4:30 pm

Present: Sam George, Dave Powell, Janis Russell, Brenda Szych, Jennifer Clemente, Tom Jones, Lou Galterio, Linda Jericka, Vince Guiffre, Bill Crouch, MD, Lee Gross, MD, Diane Ramseyer

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

Guest Presentation: Lee Gross, MD, provided the group with information and updates on his work in state and Washington regarding healthcare reform. He is president of the Florida Chapter of Docs 4 Patient Care (www.docs4patientcare.org) an 501 c6 organization dedicated to educating patients and public about issues in healthcare reform and how to protect the patient-doctor relationship. He explained some of the issues physicians who provide patient-care are facing in today's healthcare environment. He pointed out the change in North Port's environment, from several years ago being one of mostly independently practicing physicians (only 2 part of a managing practice) to now having one 2 physicians who are still practicing independently.

Dr. Gross also provided information on Epiphany Health (www.goehealth.net) – this healthcare membership services was developed to address some of the missing elements in traditional insurance and is ideally suited for those who are uninsured and have chronic conditions. He also compared it to the Affordable Care Act. He explained a program like Epiphany Health addresses:

- Portability (not bound by employment)
- Price transparency- no out of pocket for routine/preventative care (see costs up front if not pre-paid – lower cost since no billing paperwork necessary – no deductible or co-pay)
- **Not** fee for service program where more tests done, more income for physician as with traditional insurance program)
- No exclusions for pre-conditions
- Patient-Centered care
- Primary Care with Chronic Disease Management
- Preventative Care – separates routine care from catastrophic
- Compliment to catastrophic health care plan (high deductible/low premium)
- Network of specialty services at discounted rates
- Exceptions – do not treat chronic pain, do not prescribe controlled substances

Membership provides:

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- Annual wellness examination
- 25 additional physician visits
- Annual Pap test – women
- Annual PSA – men
- Annual Mammogram
- Annual Fecal Occult Blood test
- Annual labs (includes cholesterol)
- Electrocardiogram
- Annual flu vaccine
- Discounts of 50-90% on labs, imaging, physical therapy and more through network; pharmacy, medical equipment and cardiology services are now available, too.
- Same day or next day appointments

In less than 15 months they have provided health care services to over 400 patients (now Epiphany Health Members) who were previously uninsured. They also have donated 15 memberships to Charlotte County Homeless Coalition.

Co-Chair for CHAT: Tabled until next month – please let Sam or Diane know if you are interested in serving as co-chair.

Community Updates

North Port Coalition for Homeless and Needy Children (Backpack Angels): They will be packing 216 large bags and 209 small ones for a total of 425 on April 16th.

Committee Reports

Health Services: Moving to full meetings every other month – next meeting is April 25th at 9:00 am (TIME CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY) at Family Services Center – downstairs conference room. An intern will be working with the group on its Mental Health Needs and Services Assessment project.

NP-ASAP (Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention): Safe Festival Training on April 25th at 3 pm – Family Services Center Conference Room. No April Coalition meeting, but the Leadership Group will be meeting on the 26th. Next meeting is May 8th at 8:30 am – Peace Christian Church. Matthew Bower of Luhrsen Law Group will be giving a legislative update.

NP D-Fy (Drug-Free Youth): NP D-Fy had a successful event on April 3rd. Approximately 75 youth and community members participated in various events to celebrate two years and over 1000 members. While there were numerous technical difficulties with the “skype” broadcast with WEDU, there should still be footage of the event shown as part of a “Kids and

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Alcohol” Town Hall program on WEDU, April 19th at 9 pm. We did ask the youth questions about what they see among youth today, and how they stay away from substance abuse, and their thoughts about NP D-Fy. Thank you to all who came out and showed the kids they are supporting their healthy choices. And, thanks to all the parks and recreation staff who helped with the event – including a city IT staff who kept us plugged in and ready, even if WEDU technicians could not!

Community Announcements

Please remember to check the library’s calendar for all the special events held there, including the Caregiver’s Sessions.

<http://fl.evanced.info/sclibs/lib/eventcalendar.asp> (choose North Port)

Meeting Dates to Remember

April 12th – 3:30 pm – NP D-Fy Workgroup @Morgan Center

April 25th - 9:00 am – Health Services Com – Family Services Center

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May 9th - 4:30 pm - Next CHAT– North Port Police Department

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