

**North Port CHAT Meeting Summary
October 10, 2012 4:30 pm
North Port Police Dept.**

Present:

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

Community and Committee Updates are tabled this month.

Strategic Planning Process for 2013 –

Four local priorities discussed – identified those of priority to
Behavioral Health – Alcohol and Drug
Access to Health Care

What else?

Hunger
HIV/AIDS and Hep C in Seniors– what about other populations?
Homelessness
Child abuse and neglect
Employment
Education
Suicide

Grouping into Problem Issues and Related root causes:

Poverty – Group unemployment, hunger and homelessness
HIV/AIDS and Hep C – lack of education/knowledge; possible perception of low risk;
social acceptance of risky sexual behavior
Child abuse/Neglect – employment issues, education issues (Safe Children Coalition
working)
Suicide – depression, isolation (behavioral health prevention workgroup working on)

Questions to be addressed:

Are all these areas within CHAT Mission?
Are other groups dealing with issues?
Which issues should be primary focus of CHAT; “driven by” CHAT?
Which issues should be supported by CHAT; not “driven by” CHAT?
How to get feedback from others from community?

Data needed or requested:

of military – Tom Carhart can be a resource
Nancy DeLoach – analysis from
Good to Great – book recommended by Ken Alexander

Community Announcements

Sam shared some information on All-Faiths Food Bank and their outreach to support local food pantries, as well as provide North Port with a mobile food bank twice a month at the VFW off Pan American.

Janis Russell shared information on events coming up at North Port library.
Caregiver talks every other Monday and Friday Caregiver support groups.
Medicare enrollment day by SHINE on November 8th.
Caregiver Workshop with lunch
Jack Swanton – “What you are eating could be eating you”
Newcomer Day – 1st Saturday in November (11-3-12 10-noon)

Bob Evans in PC having fundraiser for Backpack Angels in November. Must hand waiter/waitress the coupon to get the eligible.

Next month – Planning for presentation on SMH collaboration with Baycare. Ms. MacKenzie is working to alter her schedule to come to discuss.

Next CHAT MEETING

November 14th - 4:30 pm - Next CHAT- North Port Police Dept.

November 13th – 8:45 am – NP-ASAP – North Port Police Dept.

**October 17th – 7 pm – “Silent Majority” Film premiere (featuring NP D-Fy)
North Port Performing Arts Center
Free – Come walk the Red Carpet with NP D-Fy!**