

*Community health depends on community voices*

## **Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Welcome, Introductions** – Jennifer Perry, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were provided.

**Review of January Meeting Summary** – Meeting Summary reviewed and approved.

**“Get to Know Englewood” Update** – Jennifer Perry and Pat Burkey provided the group with re-cap of this event at the Elise Quirk Library. This was the first time this event and it is hoped to do this again in the Fall.

**Resource Directory Project Update** – Diane asked for the final review of the directory, and the final draft will be sent out in a few weeks. CHAT will need to look for ways to print some copies for distribution to those persons who really need a full directory.

**Discussion on North Port CHAT request** – Hilary Woodcum shared information on the AIM program – which provides free Beverage Server Training to establishments which serve alcohol. This training may result in a reduction of the businesses' liability insurance cost. It can also be provided to grocery and convenience stores which sell packaged alcohol. They have found that businesses are more receptive when approached by people they know or patrons of the business. This program has been recognized by the State as a program which meets its criteria for such training, and can help if an incident occurs.

### **Sharing Time –**

The Library has an article appearing in the paper weekly now.

Pat Burkey asked the group for some information on “Cover Florida”.

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Big Brothers and Big Sisters has a golf tournament with a dinner and casino afterwards at Rotonda. Christine provided the flyer for the event and information on becoming a “hole sponsor”. All the funds will stay in the Englewood Community. The flyer will be sent out via email.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Compassion Fatigue for Caregivers Seminar at SMH – free, small fee for CEU's. Call 941-917-7777 for details.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Englewood Area Agency Roundtable will include a presentation on the 2010 Census. Please try to attend.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Helping Hand will be a featured agency at Stone Crab's Faith Night.

Fund raising for SOLVE:

- 1) United Methodist Church – Paul Todd
- 2) Outback Dinner in Venice – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June

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3) Golf Tournament at Boca Royale – she is looking for volunteers to help, especially since she knows nothing about golf.

Kathy McCabe mentioned the “Timebank” – exchange of services. Example: CPA that volunteers 5 hours to help with finances and a plumber that donates 5 hours time for plumbing issues. Jennifer is going to look into the concept and report back.

Jobs, etc. meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 9:00 – 12:00 – access to social services to find a job. They are now moving the meeting from Goodwill to HELPING HAND location starting in April.

Healthy Girls Initiative

- 1) Facts on healthy living
- 2) Beach yoga and clean up
- 3) Community nature fitness day

Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse is now offering “Drug Free Workplace”. More info contact Hilary Woodcum 377-7736

Friends at Home program – need volunteers for 1 hour per week. Transportation needs especially.

New Freedom program – Diane please send out info regarding this program.

Pam at ALZ

- 1) Working on time and place for a ALZ support group
- 2) Memory Walk – this year – Lido Beach October 24, 2009
- 3) May – Palmer Ranch – “Doctor is In” – lunch n learn (no specific date mentioned)
- 4) Repeated lunch n learn in Venice at Manorcare (no date)

Rotary Club of Englewood – P.O. Box 176 has money to give, please write letter. Please be specific with actual needs.

Holding one of their biggest fund raisers this weekend – Art Festival \$1 to get in Give \$50,000 in HS scholarships – youth foundation

The Women’s Group of Englewood Community Hospital meets last Wednesday of the month at ECH at 6:00 pm. \$25 per year to join. Passed out brochures regarding this active group that gives back to the community.

**Englewood Agency Roundtable Meets in April 16th!**

**Next CHAT Meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – 9:00 am**

**CHAT is the Community Health Action Team ~**

**<http://www.chip4health.org/englewood.htm>**

**For More Information ~ Please Call Diane at:**

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