

Englewood CHAT Meeting Summary July 16, 2009

Jennifer Perry opened the meeting with individual participant introductions.

The May 21, 2009 meeting minutes were read and a motion was made by Bill Coy to accept the minutes as written with no corrections or additions. The motion was second by Barbara Arbour and the motion was passed unanimously.

There was no scheduled speaker for the meeting and Jennifer Perry presented the attached report prepared by Diane Ramseyer, the Englewood CHAT Coordinator. Jennifer Perry asked for participants to review the report and think of ways the CHAT group could implement the use of the mini grant funds to better meet the goals of Englewood CHAT. \$2,500 will be used to print the Directory.

In celebration of Labor Day on Saturday September 5, 2009 a Cardboard Boat Contest will be held at the Indian Mounds Park in Englewood. There are no events planned for Sunday September 6. Labor Day, Monday September 7, a parade with a "Water, Water Every Where" theme will be held. The parade entry fee is \$40 and a booth fee is \$10 contact Jennifer Perry for participation information. Sponsorship for the event is the Community Youth Foundation.

Bill Coy promoted a public transportation initiative for Charlotte County. He could use letters from supporting organizations and businesses. He asked that the letters be sent to him within the next 15 weeks. He also indicated that the One Stop is being addressed in Charlotte County. Bill asked that those who write supporting letters attend the Commissioner's Meeting for a visible show of support. Please contact Bill Coy.

Barbara Arbour stated that a grant is in the works to help finance the One Stop. The newest goal for the One Stop is September, 2011. The project is still looking for an architect. Barbara also indicated that she represents the Rotary Club of Englewood. Barbara also requested support of the Patti Bergi Gulf Tournament which funds Cancer Research.

Kelly Carr announced a Health Fair is scheduled on Nov. 14, 2009 from 8 am to 1 pm at the Englewood Hospital's Sun Coast Auditorium. The Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon is scheduled for October 7, tickets are \$25. The speaker will be a current breast cancer patient. The Englewood Hospital's Woman's Group meets on the last Wed. of the month at 6 pm in the Englewood Hospital's Sun Coast Auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade indicated that the Cancer Support Group meets at the Englewood Hospital cafeteria on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am. Mr. Wade will be conducting a Man to Man Cancer Awareness Group through the support of the American Cancer Society. They will be meeting at the Englewood United Methodist Church (EUMC) October thru May.

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Mark Epton introduced Ed Angarita and reported that his mobile Career Opportunity Center is now also working in Nokomis on the sight of the Sarasota Community Pharmacy at the Palm Square Mall. The unit will continue to be available on the EUMC campus across from Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9 am to 12 noon.

No report from the Senior Friendship representative this month.

Hillary Woodcum from the Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse is going to businesses on West Dearborn in Englewood to promote AIM.

Marion Shannon from the St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Center asked for information from the group regarding dental programs for low income households. The North Port Social Services Center and the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Dental Clinic programs were recommended.

Christine Banks announced that the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program is providing information for perspective Big Brothers and Sisters from 5 to 6 pm, Thursdays, July 15, August 13, and September 17, at 2960 South McCall Road, Suite # 210 in the McCall Executive Suites at the McCall Plaza across from Wal-Mart on Route 776. Men are especially needed to mentor boys waiting for Big Brothers.

Michael Gleason announced there are funds available for needy recipients through Coastal Behavioral Health Care located in the North Port Social Services building. Please contact him with referrals

Megan Bunard represented the Community Haven, Projects With Industry which is a program component of the Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc.

Glenda Steffenhagen, the Program Manager, BRAIVE Supported Employment, of Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, presented information on the BRAIVE Grant for Veterans and their families.

Kelly Carr announced that a Veterans Resource Seminar is scheduled for Friday October 9, 2009 at the Englewood Hospital's Sun Coast Auditorium. Participating Veterans will receive a free lunch and a free bus ride to visit the new Sarasota Veteran's Cemetery. Contact Kelly with questions.

Englewood Agency Roundtable Meets in August 20th!

Next CHAT Meeting will be Sept, 17th 2009 – 9:00 am

Discussion on Tobacco Grant Initiative and Funds for CHAT Participation

CHAT is the Community Health Action Team –

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

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