

**Englewood CHAT Meeting Agenda**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**9:00 am**

**Present:** Jennifer Perry, Rita Bertler, Connie Ellis, Hilary Woodcum, Norine Donaldson, Pat Burkey, Melissa Perkins, Crystal Bruce, Vicki Rice, Diane Ramseyer

**Welcome and Introductions** – Jennifer Perry welcomed everyone and introductions were given.

**Review of September Meeting Summary** – September Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted

**Directory** – Final editing and additions being made – still receiving requests for inclusion, but, Diane will stop taking any more as of next week and will finalize to send to printers around December 1<sup>st</sup>. Expect hard copies at the January 21<sup>st</sup> CHAT meeting.

**Community Assessment – Tobacco Cessation Grant** – Crystal Bruce, Sarasota County Tobacco Partnership and the Sarasota County Health Department, presented on the grant received by the County for tobacco prevention activities. With Tobacco Settlement funds, the State is focusing on creating system and policy changes to reduce the use of tobacco in Florida. The activities of the grant include working with workplaces, public areas, parks and recreation, etc. to help develop policies which reinforce smoke-free environments. An additional area of targeted activities will remain with youth – helping find ways to prevent them from starting in the first place.

Crystal explained that in June 2009, there was an interactive at the health department which focused on getting ideas for activities for this grant. Several members of CHATs attended this event. There is funding for the Englewood CHAT to conduct a local assessment. The grant provides \$3000 for the CHAT to work on an assessment. One suggestion for this assessment - find out from local health care providers what type of services they are doing to help with smoking cessation, what gaps exists, and what opportunities for education activities with physicians and linking them to existing services. Another suggestion is for the CHATs to assess retailers for accessibility to minors.

Discussion ensued regarding these possible areas. Some ideas included looking at how local businesses might see better insurance rates for being smoke-free. This information could be shared with the business community. The grant additionally provides funding for signage which could be used in the tobacco-free workplace.

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**Any CHAT Member who would be interested in being part of a special workgroup using these funds for a community assessment in Englewood – please come to the Elsie Quirk Library at 10 am on January 14<sup>th</sup> to help develop a plan.**

Today is the Great American Smoke-Out.

### **Sharing Time**

Adopt a Family going on at Englewood Helping Hand at this time – 474-5864.

Ask-a-Lawyer through Women's Resource Center on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm – call 350-9398.

Jobs, Etc bus continues to be at Englewood Helping Hand on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Silent Auction and Motorcycle Run December 12<sup>th</sup> (10 – 3) to benefit Englewood Helping Hand - 474-5864

Friday and Saturday Nov 20-21 – Book Sale at the Elsie Quirk Library

Rita Bertler handed out brochures on Dollars for Mammograms.

**Englewood Agency Roundtable will not meet in December**

**Next CHAT Meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 – 9:00 am**

CHAT is the Community Health Action Team –

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

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