

Community health depends on community voices

LOVN CHAT Meeting Summary November 12th, 8:30 am

Present: Mary King, Cathy Chung, Curt Lavarello, Paula Carney, Paul Cline, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions- Paula Carney, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that there were a number of members unable to attend, including Kari, from CHIP. Kari will provide an update on the Community Health Survey in December.

Update: Rx Workgroup - A complication has arisen with the forum. The paperwork from the Community Center has the date for the event – January 28th, not March 25th as planned. They cannot change the date now, as March is booked. Paula mentioned that a local senior magazine is holding a large expo at the community center on March 24th – which could affect attendance at a similar event if held the following day (especially vendor interest). She is contacting the physicians to see if they are available for January 28th. Diane will work on a flyer for vendors. Since the Community Center booked ballroom D – this may also complicate room for vendors. Diane will see if changes can be made, keeping January 28th – so vendors can be accommodated. Additionally, Paula will be talking with the organizer of the March 24th Expo- perhaps we can work with him, and offer our break out session as part of his larger event. This would work to our mutual benefit in drawing in people. While we would not have vendors for our presentation, we could shorten event to just the panel discussion, and not serve a meal.

Curt shared information on the campaign SCOSA will be implementing related to “lock up your meds”. This fits nicely with the forum, as well, and they have very nice handouts and PSA’s which can be used for the event.

Announcements and Catching Up with Member Activities – All

Interfaith Community Dinners – Social Service Agency Fair for dinner participants is being explored by the Interfaith group. No date or details have been set. Any CHAT organization interested in having a table should let Mary King know – mking@scgov.net so that the committee has an idea of who may participate.

Town Hall Forum on Rx Meds at North Port City Hall – November 30th at 6 pm

Next CHAT meeting – December 10th – 8:30 pm Venice Library

Next Rx Workgroup – November 18th – 4:00pm – Bella Vita