

North Port CHAT Annual Update

July 2009-June 2010

Overview

The North Port CHAT has two main committees: Health Services and NP-ASAP (North Port Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention). Additionally, the Leadership Team consists of the CHAT Chair, Fay Williams; the Co-Chair, David Carter; Health Services Chair, Sam George; NP-ASAP Chair, Monica Becket; and the CHAT Coordinator, Diane Ramseyer.

Health Services

Accomplishments:

- Advocacy for increased health providers in North Port
 - North Port Emergency Room Opening
 - Advocacy for Pediatrician – North Port Health Clinic
 - Welcoming new physicians and dentists
 - Discussions with Developers on Medical Condo Design
- Community Education on H1N1
- Community Child Dental Health Initiative Plan
- Updated Health and Human Services Directory

On the horizon

- Implementation of Community Child Dental Health Initiative
- Continued welcome of new physicians and dentists
- Advocating for increase access to care for uninsured and underinsured



Mission

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To achieve a safe, healthy community where individuals and agencies collaborate to assure the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all residents by:

- Advocating for an integrated health and behavioral health care system
- Working together as a community to reduce substance abuse among our youth and adults
- Promoting "connectivity" in all aspects of the development and growth of our community
- Providing an effective way for the voice of the community to be heard and active in North Port

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NP-ASAP

Accomplishments:

- North Port Drug-Free Youth Initiative Launched
- Operation Medicine Cabinet in North Port
- Drug-Free Communities Grant submitted with Chamber
- Partnering on Prescription Drug Vigil

On the horizon

- Full implementation of NP D-Fy
- Drug-Free Workplace Week in October
- Rx Disposal "safe" in North Port

CHAT Leadership Team

Accomplishments

- New Website Launched
- Transportation Advocacy with SCAT – Park-n-Ride
- Planning for Self-Sustainability

On the horizon

- Updated Action Plan
- VISTA in Fall 2010
- Community Outreach with new Community Health Survey
- Expanded roles for members

North Port CHAT is part of:

- CHIP Leadership Council
- North Port Connects
- North Port Partnership for Wellness
- Sarasota County Sheriff Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force
- Sarasota Behavioral Health Stakeholders Consortium



North Port Community Health Action Team
Helping Build a Healthy, Connected North Port