



## Midtown Health Equity Action Team “Engaging the Community for Equity in Health”

Department of Health in Volusia County -  
Facilitator: Suzanne Grubbs/Ethan Johnson -  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes -  
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The Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health or PACE-EH is a tool designed to encourage local health officials and community members to work together to identify and address community environmental health issues. Residents of the community voice concerns and prioritize issues, while the Steering Committee assists in facilitating the process by organizing meetings, speakers, and identifying funding opportunities.

### Attendance:

1. Christina Arnold (B-CU)	12. Thomas Bryant III (FDOH Volusia)	
2. Chris Daun (Rebuilding Together)	13. John Long (VITAS)	
3. Ethan Johnson (FDOH Volusia)	14. Eburn Grimes (FDOH Volusia)	
4. Emma Rogers (Kingston Community)	15. Sharon Warren (Halifax Health)	
5. Suzanne Grubbs (FDOH Volusia)	14. Bob Williams (Halifax Health)	
6. Christina Quinn (FDOH Volusia)	15. Katrina Locke (County of Volusia)	
7. Charles Bethune (FDOH Volusia)	16. Robert Maglievaz (FDOH Volusia)	
8. Darrell Shell (Intuitive Networking)	17. Launa Taylor (Daytona Beach Hilton)	
9. Johnnie Ponder (Midtown HEAT)	18. Dr. Bonnie Sorensen (FDOH Volusia)	
10. Dorothy Maddox (DBHA)	19. Ralph Locke (Florida Green Building Coalition)	
11. Synthia Williams (Midtown HEAT)		

### **Welcome and Introductions** (*Johnnie Ponder*)

Johnnie Ponder called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Brief introductions were made by all attendees. Meeting minutes were approved from January.

### **Presentation:** Certificate of Appreciation (Johnnie Ponder)

Midtown HEAT awards Dr. Bonnie Sorenson with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her valuable contributions to the Midtown HEAT.

**Presentation: County sustainability Plan** (*Katrina Locke*)

Suzanne Grubbs- As we begin the New Year and take a look at our Action Plan and objectives I thought it would be good to see how we, as Midtown HEAT, can connect with what's going on with environmental sustainability in our county. Maybe we can connect what we're working on pertaining to sustainability and healthy communities with what Katrina Locke is working on with the County sustainability Plan.

Katrina Locke- I work with Volusia County's Environmental Management Division and through grant funding we've recently planned a sustainability action plan here in Volusia County. The action plan is composed of 5 guiding principles:

1. Sustainability guides Volusia County policy.
2. Our economy, our community, and our environment are inter-connected and mutually dependent.
3. As a county government we have both the opportunity and responsibility to use resources wisely and to encourage others to do the same.
4. Success depends upon partnerships in the local, regional, and national community.
5. Education and community outreach are fundamental to success.

Adhering to our plan structure we start off by discussing sustainability at the county level. Asking general questions such as, "How can we become more green?" We then develop goals and objectives and identify the large feasible projects we desire to do. The last step is measuring quantifiable reductions.

Dr. Bonnie Sorensen- I noticed in the 5 principles that health isn't really mentioned, but we know greenhouse gas emissions have an adverse effect on children with asthma. Knowing that health should be in all policies going forward this is a vital issue missing in our green initiatives. We definitely want to be a part of this moving forward. The health of our community influences our ability to create economic growth and stability.

Katrina Locke- There are parts of our Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) that connect with preventative care and wellness. Our SAP goals are to provide a healthy economy, maintain a healthy environment, encourage efficient transportation or community design, conserve water and promote water efficiency, conserve energy and promote renewable energy, and reduce waste and promote recycling. Key benefits resulting from sustainability efforts include creating and retaining local jobs, increasing property values, protecting and enhancing air water and natural systems, encouraging healthier resident lifestyles, saving money, promoting regional sustainability and leadership, and reducing local contributions to climate and sea level rise.

**Update: Smart Objective** (*Suzanne Grubbs & Ethan Johnson*)

At our July meeting we discussed SMART objects and we began the process of making our objectives relating to crime and drugs SMART. SMART objectives are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound. In your meeting packets today you will find the Action Plan and a blank SMART Objective form for healthy food access. Under our healthy food access target area we want to reevaluate our goals and make them SMART. In addition we want to update some of our goals that have been accomplished or need to be reassessed. We want to make our action plan as a whole SMART, and we want to create goals that can be accomplished within a two year time frame.

**SMART Objective- Healthy Food Access Brainstorming:**

- What is the desired result? (who, what, when, why, how)
  - Farmers Market in Midtown Area – better nutrition, creating community, economic opportunity, use relevant data (Local)
  - Supermarket
  - Community Garden
  - Instruction/Sampling/Promotion- way to access to healthy foods Cooking Demos
  - EBT access
  - Seniors
  - Community Dining (non-homeless) – building community – Healthy Food Choices
- What is the deadline?
  - Dec 2016

To expedite the process of making our action plan SMART, we will be sending the blank SMART Objective forms for each of our target areas out to the steering committee. We are asking for everyone to complete a SMART Objective form for at least one target area. Please complete one (or all) of the forms and send them back by Thursday February 19th. This will give us time to compile everyone's ideas before our next meeting. Smart Objectives will enable us to focus our group's priorities.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.