



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 -
October 23, 2014 -

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:

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| 1. Regina Harris (FDOH Volusia) | 12. Stephan Harris (River to Sea TPO) | |
| 2. Chris Daun (Rebuilding Together) | 13. Dorothy Maddox (DBHA) | |
| 3. Ethan Johnson (FDOH Volusia) | 14. Weegie Kuendig (Save Our Neighborhoods) | |
| 4. Emma Rogers | 15. Synthia Williams (Midtown HEAT) | |
| 5. Suzanne Grubbs (FDOH Volusia) | 16. Swain Strickland (FDOH Volusia) | |
| 6. Christina Quinn (FDOH Volusia) | 17. Rev. John Long (VITAS) | |
| 7. Charles Bethune (FDOH Volusia) | 18. Lisa Lewis (Council on Aging of Volusia) | |
| 8. Charles J. Bryant (City of Daytona Beach) | 19. Ashley Thomas (Daytona Times) | |
| 9. Johnnie Ponder (Midtown HEAT) | 20. Christina Arnold (BCU) | |
| 10. Ebun Grimes (FDOH Volusia) | | |
| 11. Thomas Bryant III (FDOH Volusia) | | |

Welcome and Introductions:

Johnnie Ponder called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Brief introductions were made by all attendees. Meeting minutes were approved from September 25th.

Presentation: Boys and Girls Club (Joe Sullivan)

I grew up going to the Boys Club in Minneapolis. The Boys & Girls Club is a national organization that was started in 1860 in Hartford Connecticut. In 1988, we changed from

the Boys Clubs to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Today we have 1.4 million youth, 4,000 club locations and 50,000 trained staff. The local club was chartered here in 1993. It was housed in a school in Deltona for the first four years. We are here for the kids Monday through Friday after school. Youth development is our sole purpose. The Club provides a safe place to learn and grow ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs, character-building experiences, hope and opportunity. The club serves boys and girls ages 6 to 18 with an emphasis on outreach to teens, gender inclusion and family involvement. 70% of our members come from single parent homes and 88% receive free and reduced lunch. The Club at the Dickerson Center served an average of 48 members per day. It serves 8 elementary schools and 2 middle schools. We receive volunteers from ERAU and B-CU. Club membership for the whole county is 1,542 with 609,230 youth service hours. 98% of our members who were seniors graduated high school and less than 1/10 of 1% of club members were arrested while 8,835 juveniles were arrested in Central Florida (making up 12% of all arrest). Our youth development strategy is similar to what gangs do. We give them a sense of competence, usefulness, power and belonging. There are a lot of kids looking for these things and they will get them from wherever they can, including gangs. Kids who want to be a part of the club must have their parents fill out a membership form, a talent release form and a health form. There is a 10 dollar annual membership fee. If you can't afford the membership fee, then we'll give you a scholarship. An average day usually consists of homework, assembly and snack time. A lot of times we hold special events, such as our flag football tournament and our 5k. At these special events all eight of our clubs come together. We try to focus on fun at the club, that's what keeps the kids coming back. With the loss of the 21st century grant, transportation afterschool has become a big challenge. In areas where clubs are within walking distance from schools, we walk the children from the school to the club. In areas where the distance between the school and the club is too far, we use leased vans from Votran to transport them. The club is open right after school from two to six. Some of the clubs have teen nights and they are open an additional two hours on certain nights (six to eight). During the summer months the school release day is 8am to 6pm. Due to special events, a lot of times the clubs are open on Saturdays. Olive Garden, Michaels, Staples, and Dollar General are a few of our national partners that help us raise money and supplies. In volunteers we're looking for well-rounded individuals. We call our volunteers and staff "youth development workers". They help with homework, develop relationships with the kids, create activities, and supervise activities.

Presentation: CHLI Update (Suzanne Grubbs)

The Community Healthy Living Index (CHLI) is a community assessment tool from the YMCA. At the end of last year we partnered with the YMCA to administer the assessment in the Daytona Beach Enterprise Zone. CHLI looks at opportunities for physical activity and nutrition in afterschool programs, schools, worksites, neighborhoods, and the community at large. The assessment has two parts; the initial assessment and then the discussion and improvement guide. After the results from the initial assessment are documented we go back and help build an action plan based on the gaps that were identified. We have done the initial assessment with Turie T. Elementary, and we have completed both the initial assessment and the follow-up discussion with Word & Praise. The Boys & Girls Club and The Rose Marie Bryon Children's Center are

the afterschool sites we chose. We have completed the Rose Marie Bryon initial assessment and the follow-up discussion will occur in November. The City of Daytona Beach was our first worksite and B-CU has agreed to be our second. We've also done initial neighborhood assessments in four neighborhoods. CHLI helps to expand the dialogue for food access, walkable communities and physical activity, and is a great tool to engage new partners and bring them to the table.

Round Table:

Stephan Harris- Currently the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has adopted a prioritized list of projects. We're working with the Florida Department of Transportation to program these within the next 5 years. One of the projects is a plan to build a sidewalk between the Health Department and Bill France along Holsonback. By our next meeting I should know when we should be funding that program. The way these projects work is the TPO contributes 90% in federal funds and we ask for a 10% match by the City. We've been very successful and have had a lot of good sidewalk and trail projects in the area.

Suzanne Grubbs- We're getting ready to do "Light Up Midtown" health fair on December 13th at the Daisy Stocking Park. The health fair will be after the "Light Up Midtown" Parade. The health fair will be from 10am until 2pm. Our goal is to bring health access into a low transportation access community. We're looking for health agencies, social services and healthy eating vendors to participate. Currently, Charles Bryant and I are accepting applications for vendors. This will be the third "Light Up Midtown" event. Charles Bryant is still seeking sponsors. We'll have 5 banners throughout the city and they will be up from the 24th to the 15th.

Florida Hospital's Creation Health Workshop is Wednesday Nov 5th from 8 to 8:30. RSVP is required.

Ethan Johnson- We applied for a small school garden grant for Word & Praise. We'll find out whether or not we received it in the spring.

Lisa Lewis- The council on aging has a program to assist seniors with pay their electric bills. They have to meet certain income criteria and have a past due bill.

Rev Long- The MLK celebration for Florida is coming up and we are putting out our scholarship application. It will be open to all graduating high school seniors in the county. Last year there were four 1,000 dollar scholarships. We will also be giving a Trayvon Martin award to a student who demonstrates a desire to succeed and has a GPA above 2.0 but below 3.0.

Charles Bethune- This is the start of red ribbon week for Volusia County Public Schools. Students will be enlightening peers on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

Charles Bryant- I'm currently soliciting committee members for the "Light Up Midtown" Parade and Health Fair. We're starting our weekly meetings and Suzanne will send that information out.

Chris Daun- The Halifax Heritage Byway project application is almost complete. We have all of our resolutions except Daytona Beach Shores, which we are expecting by the end of this month.

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

Meeting Comments:

- I liked the information on resources
- I liked the truth and sharing
- We need a "mapping" of social services agencies related to HEAT action plan
- I liked the topic of the boys and girls club
- Great meeting
- Very informative meeting. However, I noticed that the meeting spoke on several topics. Does the HEAT Team have two or more activities that are their main focus? A lot of good information, but it seems we are spread too thin to do anything.
- The next meeting we should follow-up on information of tutorial help at the Boy's and Girl's Club
- Samuel Cephas President/CEO Mc2 Technology Inc. has a program already in place in dealing with truancy kids in the Connecticut area providing tutorial and mentoring programs. Great person to-network with in regards to issues we are faced with in the Midtown Community.