

PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM

Thursday, October 20, 2016
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
Mid-County Health Department
Environmental Health Conference Room
8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33771

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

All

DOH-Pinellas Updates

Dr. Ulyee Choe, *DOH-Pinellas*

Dr. Choe welcomed the group and reiterated that since this CHIP ends in 2017, another Community Health Assessment is coming up soon. He discussed the goal of better alignment with local not-for-profit hospitals, who also must complete needs assessments. The goal is to improve survey capacity and avoid duplication of our efforts. Thanks in part to the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg grant that DOH-Pinellas received, we will begin working toward more complete alignment with hospitals during the 2019 cycle. DOH-Pinellas will be meeting with the hospitals next Thursday, 10/27, to begin planning this alignment.

HPV Immunization Plan

Sharlene Edwards, *DOH- Pinellas*

Sharlene presented information regarding the history, epidemiology, immunization, and data behind HPV locally, state-wide, and nationally.

- As of 10/20/2016, it is recommended that those aged 9-14 only receive two doses of the vaccine six months apart, as opposed to three doses.
- Sharlene discussed DOH-Pinellas's action plan for increasing HPV immunization rates. The plan is in its second quarter of implementation and is expected to last two years.
- Full PowerPoint presentation is attached to minutes.

CHIP Review

Jocelyn Howard, *DOH-Pinellas*

Jocelyn began a review of CHIP 2016-2017 Action Plans. CHAT members contributed updates.

- New activities include a diabetes summit through BayCare, Dr. Miller is the CHAT liaison for this effort. The CHIP can be found on PinellasCHAT.com, the new action plan will be uploaded soon.
- Denise Kerwin, AC 1.2.1, Community Health Workers
 - The goal for certifying community health workers was met. The Community Health Workers Coalition will continue certifying workers via curriculum used in Miami-Dade. The intended completion date is August, 2017. We want to continue to promote this objective despite having met it, so community health workers should continue certification.
- Stephanie Reed, BH 1.3.1, Pinellas suicide rates

- Little analysis has been done of suicide rates in Pinellas. Stephanie Reed and BayCare’s director of behavioral health (Gayle) have been taking a closer look at Medical Examiner data recently.
- Stephanie gave some highlights from an initial analysis. There were 203 suicides last year, 30% were age 65+, 50% were age 55+, 45% had made previous attempts, 58% had a documented history of depression with an incidence that increased with age. Five were previously Baker Acted. Many important aspects of this data (i.e. previous contact with Behavioral Health system) involve digging into the case history and reading the notes made by the Medical Examiner.
- Denise: Since so many are seniors, we need to continue looking at ways to address this population.
- Jocelyn- We have quality data in this area, given that it’s locally collected and it is not self-report, we just need to persist in addressing it.
- Dr. Choe- Because Pinellas is continuing to track upwards, we were selected to look at the behavioral health system of care. There are groups looking into this subject from Suncoast, the Sheriff’s Office, and other organizations. A regional planning council has been created via executive order to address this problem, it may be worth looking into representation on or from this group.

Jocelyn reviewed “if you could know one thing about your community...” survey answers, collected during this past summer’s CHIP update.

- Many of the items that community partners wanted to know more about can be accessed by talking to individuals as opposed to just looking at data. We have the population-level data, but we sometimes forget the importance of anecdotal evidence.
- Gayle Guidash agreed and said that sometimes census tract and zip code data are too broad. Within neighborhoods you can get a wide range of diversity and field experiences of DOH-Pinellas employees, for example, differ broadly within the same neighborhoods.

Jocelyn reviewed HCE Objective 1 which concerns developing policies for health. She mentioned the concept of Health in All Policies (HiAP). The goal is to encourage local government leaders to consider the health effects and implications for policy decisions.

- Question about whether the Board of County Commissioners have been involve with CHIP, and/or whether they could adopts HiAP. Dr. Choe- The MAPP Model calls for participation in all levels of the community. We will strive to broaden our group next time around and have greater involvement from BOCC.
- Jocelyn- The city of St. Pete has been collaborating with DOH-Pinellas in exploring how to include some aspects of HiAP into city governance. In Hillsborough, the Metropolitan Planning Association is drafting a HiAP resolution as well. Good local momentum.

Jocelyn led a discussion on Public Health 3.0 regarding behavioral patterns, environmental exposure, and social circumstances which account for 60% of all premature deaths. The consensus was that this and HiAP could be a potential theme for the next CHAT meeting.

- Jocelyn reviewed some of the fliers left for CHAT attendees. There is an immunization summit in February, the Tampa Bay Breastfeeding Taskforce is making a Pinellas Chapter and the first meeting will be November 1st from 12pm-2pm at the DOH-Pinellas Mid-County outdoor conference room, the Community Resource Bus operates during the first week of each month connecting St. Petersburg residents with resources, volunteers from CHAT organizations are welcome to participate in the resource bus initiative, a free swing dance is being held in St. Pete at Sundial on Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, and January 3rd, from 7pm-8:30pm.
- Quinn Lundquist of DOH-Pinellas gave a PICH update. PICH is studying and improving access to low-cost physical activity. Fitness zones have been created and expanded at several county parks, and DOH is seeking more data on their use. A brief survey was created and is available online, via QR codes on fliers, and by asking Quinn. (Quinn.Lundquist@flhealth.gov)
- SPC is offering continuing education as well as a clinical MA program and a phlebotomy program. The courses are no-charge for persons aged 18-24. A good way to get introduced to the medical field and add to your resume as well as get well-paying jobs.
- Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative has an online voter guide which provides answers from the candidates on several health-related questions. Visit TampaBayHealth.org for more information.

Next Meeting: January 2017



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