



Community Health Improvement Partnership

Pursuing a higher vision for community health

CHIP is a partnership bringing together hundreds of community volunteers with dozens of public, private and government organizations across three counties to focus on improving the health and well-being of all residents through the power of collaboration and shared vision.

Engages residents

in taking responsibility for their personal health and the health of their communities.

- ✓ Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) are teams of engaged residents meeting monthly to study and solve local health issues. CHAT focus areas include:
 - Nurturing Active Healthy Lifestyles in Newtown (north Sarasota)
 - Promoting Active Aging in Venice
 - Reducing Substance Abuse in North Port and Venice
 - Increasing Access to Healthcare Services in North Port
 - Promoting Community Resources in Englewood

Encourages focus and discussion

across organizational, geographic, and demographic boundaries.

- ✓ Convene healthcare CEOs to address regional community health issues that surpass corporate and county boundaries.
- ✓ Convene leaders and staff across county lines to address issues of transit, human services information and health services in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties.
- ✓ Encourage diversity of ideas, demographics and passions in all committees.

Researches

and publishes local data on health issues of concern to residents and healthcare providers.

- ✓ *Health Profile for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties (2003)*
- ✓ *Community Voices: Results of the Community Survey (2003)*
- ✓ *Health System Assessment for Sarasota and Charlotte Counties (2004)*
- ✓ *CHIP Health Scorecard and Action Guide (2005)*
- ✓ *Health Survey Data for Sarasota County (2007)*
- ✓ *Uncovered: The Uninsured in Sarasota County (2007)*

Creates solutions

to local health issues through creative collaborations with community partners.

- ✓ **Laurel/Osprey/Venice/Nokomis (LOVN) Diabetes Care Team** provided free, in-home care to seniors living with Diabetes.
- ✓ **Sarasota Health Care Access** connects people without health insurance to primary healthcare services.
- ✓ **Sarasota Community Pharmacy** to provide low-income, uninsured residents of Sarasota County with access to prescription medications.
- ✓ **Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative** to assist eleven organizations in three counties to become tobacco-free while supporting employees in quitting smoking.
- ✓ **Community Health Interactive** brought together a diverse group of people to foster creative collaborations with the goal of improving community health in Sarasota County.

Educates

the community on how to become healthier, access medical care or get insured.

- ✓ Convened free community forums featuring national health experts, Tyler Norris and Leanne Kaiser.
- ✓ Developed forums to inform small businesses about health insurance options
- ✓ Created www.GetSarasotaInsured.com