

New Business

- A. The Community Health Planning Initiative (CHPI) Report to the Community was given by Ms. Pat Austin Novak, who also answered Council's questions. In addition, a 2004 Source Materials handout was given at the meeting. A Blue Ribbon Committee of (12) individuals made up the CHPI, and the reviewed health care needs, gaps, access to services, and prevention/education. CHPI found that the overall health of Martin County is good in comparison with national/state averages in terms of cancer, heart disease, and stroke along with having expert service providers available in the county.

The Substance Abuse Recommendation was addressed on Page 12 of this report. Children's health recommendation was given on Page 13 of this report, which recommended a comprehensive school health program through a collaborative effort, to emphasize prevention, early intervention, and personal responsibility. CHPI recommended four school nurses be added to the school health program immediately to correct the student:nurse ratio. CHPI found that the best staffing model to use in schools might incorporate health educators, nurse practitioners, and L.P.N.s, as well as R.N.s; however; the staffing pattern needs to be set by the School District and Health Department after they determine what are the levels of service and what are the outcomes to be measured. This is a community problem which cannot be handled solely by the School District, as it involves not only schools but also involves parents, the community, major health planning, and financial/emotional support. Page 22 of the report lists costs and benefits.

CHPI saw Martin County problems as fragmentation, access, collaboration, and leadership. These problems can be solved through a non-partisan review council made up of community individuals, who are non-partisan with a broad view and are willing to serve on a voluntary basis to identify needs, anticipate issues, forge collaborations, and advise Martin County Commission on the best allocation of health-care resources. Dr. Voss stated that CHPI Members would develop concepts for accessing problems from the community and finding solutions in an input/output process of what is needed in terms of financing and support and providing information to the County Commission.

Samia Ferraro recommended that CSCMC Council meet in a workshop to discuss only this issue. Ms. Ferraro invited Pat Austin, any CHPI members, and the Health Department to attend this special workshop, addressing specifically children's issues. Rebecca Galante will poll Council Members and set up a meeting. Council consensus was to send a letter of support to the County Commission before CHPI meets with them that CSCMC is accepting this report. Council consensus was to have CSCMC staff issue a report on the children's issues taken from the CHPI Report to the Community for Council's review at the special workshop.

- B. The Tri-County TEC presentation on Healthy Families Martin was given by Kathy Derringer and Nancy Peck. They presented an appreciation plaque to CSCMC for launching Healthy Families Martin, as they realize the positive changes that have occurred as a result of working with CSCMC. Over \$4,667,000 has been generated and brought into Martin County, as a result of the Healthy Families Martin Program and the CSCMC support, advocacy, and match. Ms. Derringer also reported that over 781 families have received services through of the Healthy Families Program, which helps families to get their children off to the best possible start. Ms. Sarah Babineaux, a 3-year recipient of Healthy Families Martin, gave a testimonial on how this program has helped her family by teaching them about goals, learning child development, and disciplining through positive reinforcement.
- C. Special Equipment Requests were presented by David Heaton. A \$1,483.23 balance will remain in the equipment fund (\$15,000 budgeted). **A motion was made by James Dragseth and seconded by Michael DiTerlizzi to approve \$13,516.77 for Special Equipment Requests based on submissions and staff recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Performance Review Committee (PRC) appointments were moved to the February 2005 Agenda, due to Governor's CSCMC Council appointments not being made.
- E. The Career Apprenticeship Program's (C.A.P.) out-of-cycle funding request (Program Reserve) was given by David Heaton. Patty Barlow, teacher at Stuart Middle School, reported on C.A.P. (after school, non-typical, work-study program for students with disabilities) and answered Council questions. A detailed Council discussion ensued. Although a worthwhile program, Council consensus was that C.A.P. apply during the regular funding cycle for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) review. **A motion was made by James Dragseth and seconded by Marian Carpenter to deny Program Reserve funding to C.A.P., as presented by staff. Five (5) Council Members were for the motion of denial and two (2) opposed the motion. The motion passed.**

Staff Reports:

A. Executive Director/Staff Report:

The Executive Director/Staff Report was given by Harry A. Yates. Harry recognized Scott Berry for his effort in helping get information out to the community on the Healthy Kids/KidCare application process. Elizabeth Whittles reported on legislative issues.

B. Financial Reports:

The Financial Reports were given by Genevieve Guido. Before this year's budget process, Michael DiTerlizzi wants CSCMC staff to work with the Tax Collector's Office to see if the CSCMC budget will be affected, due to tax reductions because of hurricane damages to buildings/properties.

Council Member Comments:

James Dragseth inquired if CSCMC was involved in the libraries' cost-free workshops on parenting? David Heaton answered that CSCMC got it started and the library took off with it on their own, and he has made organizations that we fund aware of it.

While talking to people regarding the school nurse issue, Mr. Dragseth keeps hearing about the obesity problem with children and the impact that sitting idle and using a computer has. Concerning school health (nurses, etc.), the first effort of the School Nurse Committee to establish Measurable Objectives and benchmarks, as they are non-existent and it is literally a day-to-day program.

Laurie Gaylord addressed the FYI letter from Easter Seals and stated that if the children with disabilities mentioned in their letter were ages 3 and above, they would be eligible for services in the county school system. David Heaton responded that Easter Seals has been working with St. Mary's Child Development Center's Early Intervention Program (EIP). Unfortunately, approximately (6) families with children under 3 years of age will be adversely affected by receiving no childcare services, due to Easter Seals' closing.

Laurel Hopper welcomed new members, Laurie Gaylord and Hon. Steven Levin, to CSCMC Council.

Samia Ferraro announced that an invitation to a Legislative Delegation Breakfast will be forthcoming, and it is hosted by the Economic Council, Leadership Martin County, and our Regional Leadership Florida; she asked that Harry also include CSCMC Council.

Public Comments:

Ms. Linda McLendon was thrilled that CSCMC approved funding for the Full Circle Therapeutic Riding Program; unfortunately, due to a horse-related fatal accident in the community, the principal of Bessey Creek Elementary pulled the children from the program, due to liability concerns. As Hibiscus Children's Center has now found (7) children to fill this slot, Ms. McLendon requested that the grant request be amended, modifying the population served, which would require a collaborative agreement with commitments from the Hibiscus Children's Center. As a quorum did not exist, this issue was tabled for discussion at the February 2005 meeting.

harry a. yates has received a request from a non-profit organization that wants to use the CSCMC Conference Room for a training course, where they charge participants for attending to pay for instructors. This training will serve non-profit agencies that we fund. Instead CSCMC charging for the room, Genevieve Guido suggested that the Nonprofit Resource Institute could donate a couple of scholarships to agencies that do not have training funds available. Council consensus was to leave it to staff discretion how to handle.

As no further business or discussion existed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Samia Ferraro, Chair

harry a. yates, Executive Director