

Gulf Coast Community ExCHANGE Steering Committee

Meeting Highlights | 9 November 2016, 12:00 pm

Gulf Coast Community Design Studio:

David Perkes, Director and Professor of Architecture; Tracy Wyman, Landscape Architect and Healthy Communities Liaison

Members in Attendance:

Thania Averett, Harrison County Zoning; **Aletha Burge,** United Way of South Mississippi; **Tom Carlton,** Hancock Medical, **Stephen Deal**, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant; **Geneva Dummer,** The Meeting Place, Lan Le, Boat People SOS; **Aida Martinez**, STEPS Coalition; **David Muns**, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

Member/Speaker: Thania Averett, SMPDD Area Agency for Health, spoke about her work with community health initiative 'A Matter of Balance'. The state-wide program, whose primary users are Medicaid recipients, provides in-home assessment and outreach education for aging citizens and may be explored further at: http://www.smpdd.com/wellness-preventative-health-programs/.

City Roll-Up: The City Roll-Up discussion will ensue next month, looking at an overlay map as we make our final decisions on the roll-up.

Working Groups: Working groups are needed to address calendaring events, establishing our key priorities, GIS mapping, and data collection.

<u>Key Priorities Working Group.</u> A working group to determine Key Health Priorities was established. Aletha Burge (Unitied Way), Geneva Dummer (Heritage Trails), and Tom Carlton (Hancock Medical) have volunteered to form the working group and will begin by developing matrices of the following documents:

- Plan for Opportunity
- Hancock Medical's CHNA
- Singing River Health System's CHNA

The group will determine other documents to be considered, and will eventually provide a draft to the Steering Committee. A final draft will serve as a platform to begin discussion and receive additional input from the municipalities.

New Members: Eric Sparks (Coastal Research & Extension Center and Tom Carlton (Hancock Medical) have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee. Eric Sparks replaces Diane Schober whose scheduling conflicts have prevented her from participating.

Collective Impact— Where We Are:

<u>Food Systems</u>. A program in collective impact is forming around Food Systems, with three Gulfport projects beginning discussions to collaborate in data collection for their respective projects, and with a goal of having collective health impact that neither could accomplish individually.

<u>Resource Guide</u>: The potential exists to collaborate with several area agencies who currently provide a resource guide for their clientele, and to make these resources collectively assessable through the Community ExCHANGE. On Thursday, November 10th, the Knight Non-profit center will host a discussion on non-profit resources sharing.