

**52\*23 Health Network Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2006, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**St. John Community Center – Conference Room A**

**Participants:**

Julie Weeks, RN – Community Connections, St. John resident (facilitator)  
Maria Allen – Program Supervisor, St. John Community Center  
Marie Kershner, RN – Public Health Nurse, St. John Community Center  
Dr. Lisa Glenn – Medical Director, Community Health Centers, City of Austin  
Stephanie Freedman – Maternal & Child Health Project, City of Austin  
John Harris for Joe Barnes – African American Quality of Life Initiative

- There was no meeting in October.
- Following introductions, Julie Weeks shared a reflection on the Bible passage in Matthew 25:31-40 as a reflection on HopeFest. The passage says in verse 35 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . . 40 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' We may be thinking that we are just doing our jobs when we do these things but the truth is that we are doing what God calls us to do as His people. There was prayer for the meeting.
- Julie reviewed the **mission of the 52\*23 Health Network: *to reduce barriers and increase accessibility to preventative, early detection and primary health care within the 78752 and 78723 zip code areas through communication, collaboration and partnership.***
- Julie Weeks welcomed John Harris representing Joe Barnes from the City of Austin - African American Quality of Life Initiative as a newcomer to the meeting.

**Julie Weeks: Community**

- HopeFest was held on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Reagan High School, 10 am – 4 pm as a festival of caring sponsored by Austin churches partnering with 55 city agencies, non-profits and ministries to bless the residents of the 78752 and 23 zip code areas around Reagan High School. There was Christian music, games for kids, free food, health screenings provided by Health & Human Services, dentists, chiropractors, nurses and an information fair with health, dental, family, safety, immigration and job information. Over 3000 people attended and feedback from those who participated reflect a successful day of outreach.
- A large part of the meeting was spent discussing and evaluating outcomes from HopeFest. Please see full report on HopeFest '06 attached.

### **Maria Allen: St. John Health and Human Services**

- On October 18 the Domestic Violence Public Health Forum was held. APD, Safe Place, PAPA and others presented information on their services to prevent abuse and violence in homes and families. 73 people attended.
- In October, the SETON mammography van provided 42 women with breast exams and mammograms.
- November calendar was distributed.
- November is diabetes awareness month.
- Flu vaccines will be given in November and December to high risk individuals.
- Christmas bureau registrations begin November 6 through December 12 on Mondays from 9-12 and 1:30-4 and Fridays from 9-12 in Conference Room B. Different agencies such as Prevent Blindness, Foundation Communities are coming to “work the line” to distribute information about their services. Stephanie Freedman with the Maternal Child Health Project also expressed interest in coming to pass out information and talk to women about access to prenatal care.

### **Stephanie Freedman: Maternal & Child Health Project**

- The City has received a new grant to improve birth outcomes. The Maternal & Child Health Coalition meets monthly with several smaller task forces working to decrease rates of STDs among teens and improve access to prenatal care.
- Posters, flyers and newsletters are being distributed in the community about increasing availability of prenatal care for all women – even those without health insurance.
- There was much discussion about the desire to have prenatal education classes offered by the City of Austin CHCs in St. John. Dr. Glenn, Stephanie and Marie will talk more about the possibilities for this following the meeting.

**Wednesday, December 6, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
in the St. John Community Center, Conference Room A.**

### **Agenda for the next meeting:**

- 1. New community representatives will be given an opportunity to share about the constituency they represent (ie: church, neighborhood organization, apartment complex)**
- 2. Each service provider should come prepared to present information (with written information if possible) that they would like to have disseminated into the community, ie: programs, solutions to current health issues, services, etc.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Weeks, RN. Any corrections or revisions are requested by email to [juliew@austin.rr.com](mailto:juliew@austin.rr.com) before the next meeting. Thanks!