

East End Community Working Group
November 18, 2021
10 -11 am

NOTES

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Third Ward Food Sustainability Initiatives
 1. Complete Communities, Alicia Johnston, Population Health Strategy Lead, Humana
 - No need for more assessments; time for action.
 - Reviewed spreadsheet to capture information re: needs assessments, community members and events. We'll share on a Google Drive.
 - Briefly reviewed Complete Communities, Second Ward and Magnolia/Manchester Super Neighborhood Action Plans.
 - Abraham Zorrilla, Complete Communities, shared process of creating the action plans and how they are being implemented through community groups.
 2. East End Communities Collaborative, Patricia Cabrera, Director
 - Shared info regarding the collaborative focused on Magnolia Park. They follow the THRIVE framework from the Prevention Institute.
 - The tool is to engage residents, not research. 71 respondents so far through interviews, focus groups, speed interviews.
 - Top three priorities: education; look, feel, safety; and housing
 - Interest in collaboration (vs. competition) with other community agencies.
 3. El Centro de Corazon, Marcie Mir, Chief Executive Officer
 - Needs assessment completed by external consulting firm.
 - New, still reviewing report.
 - Health disparities are mirrored in assessment – diabetes, hypertension, obesity. Younger population. Results highlight the need for primary care.
- III. How can we support/build on identified priorities and existing work?
 1. Funding Opportunities: [Houston Methodist DEI Grant](#), NEO Project
- IV. Announcements
 1. Community
 - Houston Methodist Social Determinants of Health Symposium, December 2 [Brochure - Social Determinants of Health: Exploring Barriers to Primary and Specialty Care \(cvent.com\)](#)
 - Christus COVID and Flu Vaccine Drive, Tejano Center, December 8
 - East End Posada, El Centro, December 11

2. UH College of Medicine

- No meeting December 16. Next meeting January 20, 10 am.
- Holiday Celebration – Ninfá's on Navigation, December 16, 4 pm.
- UH Smoking, Anxiety and Depression study for daily smokers motivated to quit.
- [UH Innovations in Arts & Health Conference](#), January 20

Members Present:

Alicia Johnston, Humana
Abraham Zorrilla, City of Houston, Complete Communities
Aurora Cruz, Avenue 360
Berenice Hernandez, UH College of Medicine
Carla Ben, UH College of Medicine
Dave Buck, UH College of Medicine
Debbie Ortiz, AAMA
John Cisneros, Tejano Center
Joshua Lopez, UH College of Medicine
Linda Civallero, UH College of Medicine
Marice Mir, El Centro de Corazon
Maria Mendoza, UH College of Medicine
Patricia Cabrera, East End Communities Collaborative
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