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MEDIA NOTE: The updated schedule is at the end of the release.

Early April schedule update: Health In Motion

The Sarasota County Health Department's 40 foot mobile medical unit, Health In Motion's will be *out of service* on Monday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 9. Affected sites include the Selby Goodwill Job Center, and Newtown Community Center on April 7, and Walmart Super Center in North Port on April 9.

As part of a special outreach for the April observance of Minority Health and Public Health Month, Health In Motion will be part of the grand opening and ribbon cutting event for The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County, 225 S. Tamiami Trail in Nokomis on Thursday, April 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. Additionally, the medical mobile unit will be present at the North Port Community Education and Outreach Expo at the George Mullen Center, 4956 City Center Boulevard in North Port on Tuesday, April 22 from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Health In Motion staff provide basic health services to residents with Medicaid, without health insurance or who do not have transportation. No appointment is needed. The services offered include blood pressure, and diabetes screening, HIV testing, pregnancy testing, tuberculosis skin testing, adult immunizations, health education, and eligibility screening as part of assisting people in locating a permanent health care provider. Senior Friendship Center volunteer physicians and the Sarasota County Health Department's medical director, Dr. Kieran Smart, provide basic medical care on a rotating basis when the mobile unit visits the Salvation Army each Thursday. A registered nurse is available at all other Health In Motion locations.

Some services will be free; other services will be offered on a sliding fee scale based on income. Community agencies such as Community AIDS Network (CAN), and Coastal Behavioral Healthcare will also provide specialized services.

Health In Motion is supported in part by a two-year grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice which funds the staffing and medical equipment needs.

Those who would like a schedule of dates, routes and services can call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000. Residents can also download a copy of the calendar by visiting the Sarasota County Health and Human Services website, www.sarasotahealth.org.

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April Schedule of Events (Health In Motion) - PAGE TWO

North Sarasota

Thursday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salvation Army

1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, April 14 and 28; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Fredd Atkins Park

2700 N. Washington Blvd.

Southwest corner/ U.S. Highway 301 and Dr. Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, April 14 and 28; 1 to 3 p.m.

La Canasta Market

2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Monday, April 21; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Selby Goodwill GoodNeighbor Center (Goodwill Job Center)

1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, April 21; 1 to 3 p.m.

Newtown Estates Park

2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Laurel

Wednesday, April 16; 3 to 5 p.m.

Sandra Sims Terry Community Center

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Nokomis

Thursday, April 3; 4 to 6 p.m.

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event

The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County

225 S. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis 34275

Venice

Tuesday, April 1, 15 and 29; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Goodwill Center Rialto

650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, April 1; 15 and 29; 1 to 3 p.m.

Grove Terrace

201 Grove St. N., Venice 34285

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Englewood

Tuesday, April 8 and 22; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Goodwill Center

410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, April 8; 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22; 1 to 2 p.m.

Elsie Quirk Library

100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

Wednesday, April 2 and 23; 1 to 3 p.m.

Riley Chase Apts.

1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289

Wednesday, April 2 and 23; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, April 30; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wal-Mart Super Center

17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Friday, April 4; 9 a.m. to Noon

St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church

(In conjunction with USDA Food Distribution Program)

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Tuesday, April 22; 3 to 6 p.m.

North Port Community Education and Outreach Expo.

George Mullen Center

4956 City Center Blvd., North Port 34286

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