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“Boomers Plus” Community Health Action Team forms

How can we together build a healthy community? Do you have ideas on how our community can support healthy lifestyles and active aging among all age groups? These questions are the starting point for the new Boomers Plus Community Health Action Team (CHAT) forming in Sarasota.

The CHAT will identify tangible ways to help increase community awareness for healthy living for all ages. The general public is encouraged to come to the inaugural meeting of the Boomers Plus CHAT to be held 9:15 a.m., Friday, May 23 at Selby Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota. Light refreshments will be available.

The Boomers Plus is the fifth Community Health Action Team (CHAT) to be established in Sarasota County since the inception of the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) in 2002. CHATs have also been established in Englewood, North Port and the Laurel/Osprey/Venice/Nokomis area as well as in Newtown to promote the health and well being among residents in those communities.

Taking ideas to action, the CHATs have worked with community leaders and community health advocates to increase community access to affordable healthcare, expand the availability of health information and support policy initiatives to promote a healthier community.

The CHIP, the coordinating entity for the CHATs is comprised of local health departments, hospitals, non-profit organizations and funding organizations dedicated to improving the health of Sarasota County residents. CHIP also works with Charlotte and DeSoto counties to foster change in health systems across the region.

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For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Boomers Plus Community Health Action Team.

MEDIA NOTE: A fact sheet about the Community Health Improvement Partnership is attached as a PDF file.

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