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HEALTHY PINELLAS CONSORTIUM MEETS ON NOV. 19

Updates on health partnerships to create a healthier Pinellas County are among the topics on the agenda for the next meeting of the **Healthy Pinellas Consortium** at 1:15 PM on Thursday, Nov. 19. The meeting is open to the public and community feedback is welcome. Meetings are held at the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County's (DOH-Pinellas) Mid-County center's stand-alone conference room, 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo.

There will be other topics on the agenda, including a presentation on community-based prevention marketing and a discussion of the federal Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant awarded to Pinellas County to combat chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

The Healthy Pinellas Consortium grew out of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) discussions that brought health providers and community groups together to assess and improve the health of the people of Pinellas. To view CHIP activities, go to <http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/data-and-reports/index.html>.

All consortium meetings are open to the public and community feedback is welcome. The goal of the Healthy Pinellas Consortium is to create a culture of health and wellness with a vision of making Pinellas one of the healthiest counties in Florida. Preventing disease and maintaining good health is easier when people and communities are surrounded by environments where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

The Healthy Pinellas Consortium will convene, connect and communicate through partnerships that leverage resources to establish healthier places, programs and policies. Consortium members share best practices centered around physical activity, healthy nutrition and the built environment in Pinellas County.

Consortium meetings are held on the third Wednesday of odd months. The 2016 meetings will be on Jan. 21, March 17, May 19, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17. For information, email Megan.Carmichael@FLHealth.gov.

For more information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com.

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