

Florida PACE EH Monthly Reporting Form

Project Name: Madison County PACE Project

County Health Department: Madison

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Date: 3/17/08

Directions

- **Frequency of Submissions.** Information must be submitted by email on a monthly basis to Daniel_Parker@doh.state.fl.us
 - **Information Needed.** Please follow the format below as closely as possible reporting with team input.
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1. Project Summary

Madison County has seen influx of new residents for the last three years. Developers have seven proposed subdivisions before the Planning and Zoning Board at this time. In spite of this growth and development outside the city limits, little attention has been given to the neighborhoods located within the city limits, especially those to the south of Base Street, which includes the Fraleigh/Smith Subdivision, the Mickel Subdivision, the Session Hill Subdivision, and the Moseley Addition. The community has identified several issues, including: a lack of adequate lighting, lack of sidewalks, abandoned and run down property, and drug trafficking in the local children's park.

The City Manager is helping to coordinate a planned clean up activity prior to the ending of the present school term, so that local civic organizations, as well as youth in the community can be involved. We have obtained property owner address information, and are working with the local utility to obtain resident address information to inform them of our activities, and to encourage their involvement.

2. Work plan and Process Update

PACE-EH Tasks	Action	Outcome	Target Date
Task 1: Determine Community Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MCHD has pledged its support for undertaking this project. Key community leaders have expressed interest in initiating a process to evaluate and improve their community and evidence of partnerships between MCHD officials and members of the Madison community have been solidified. 	Completed	
Task 2: Define and Characterize the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established contact with the Madison community (outlined under project summary) to effectively and accurately characterize the community. Selected from key leaders such as concerned citizens, church ministers, City Manager-Madison, and civic leaders to gain knowledge of these characteristics. 	Completed	
Task 3: Assemble a Community-based Environmental Health Assessment Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate suggestions from community residents as to whom they would like to have take part in the community assessment. Ensure that a variety of community leaders are represented and also extend invitations to government officials, residents, church leaders, and special interest groups. 	Completed	
Task 4: Define the goals, objectives, and scope of the assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with health officials to establish goals, objectives, and scope of assessment. Ensure that all involved parties are on the same page as far as the intended effects and understanding of the assessment 	Completed	
Task 5: Generate a list of community-specific environmental health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a survey as a tool to identify community issues that would be distributed to each member of the community. Make all possible efforts to get each community member's input so as to ensure accurate representation of the community's issues and concerns over specific environmental health issues. Involve community in gathering this input and include them in the distribution of the survey. 	Completed	

3. Outstanding Issues/Concerns

To date, the primary challenge of performing this project has been sustaining community involvement. My predecessor began by having meetings in a local church, after moving them to another location, there was a noted decline in participation. Following discussions with community advocates, it was decided to return these meeting to the arena where participants were most comfortable. During our walk through assessment of the community, citizens expressed a desire to participant when called upon for assistance, but declined to serve on any formal oversight committee. This attitude is suggestive of an expectation of departmental implementation rather than facilitation of the project. It is my sincere hope we will be able to rectify this perception in the near future.

4. Miscellaneous

Attach Newspaper articles, Press Releases, Brochures, Pictures of your community and PACE EH Process, and other materials that can be shared on the State's PACE EH Website.

PEOPLE'S ACTIONS CHANGING THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Everyone is invited:

- ◆ If you are interested in improving your neighborhood, come and find out what you can do
- ◆ If you have questions about PACE-EH
- ◆ You will have a chance to meet and discuss environmental health issues with community leaders

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Thursday
February 21, 2008
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

PACE is a planning tool that recognizes environmental health as the foundation of public health practices. The goal is to assist communities in identifying the need for action regarding environmental health issues, and encourage the community to act rather than react.

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