

Month of Reported Progress:

August

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Has EH Manager/Administrator reviewed and approved this report?:

No

Is your PACE EH survey complete?:

Yes

If your PACE EH survey is complete, list your PACE EH community's top identified issues.:

Top identified issues: lack of housing choices, transportation, neighborhood lighting, lack of business opportunity, and expanding community parks

Concisely summarize this month's activities.:

" The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." –Ronald Regan

As this was once the case in our both of our PACE EH communities, it is no longer the stigma attached to resident's perception of government. In fact, our PACE EH post survey results showed that 80% of residents felt that government agencies were better able to respond to my communities' issues today as compared to 1 year ago( pre-PACE). 82% felt their community was healthier that 1 year ago!

August was a month of looking back over the Fellsmere PACE EH project and ensuring all our objectives were met; however, we felt the need to look forward, also. At the August 16th PACE community meeting, the future of the community was the main focus. Discussion of the newly formed Fellsmere Civic League was discussed in detail. Residents were informed that elections will soon be taking place for officers in the organization. The Mayor briefed the community about the progress of the proposed \$8 million community center that will anchor three distinct communities, one of which is Hall Carter James.

I was particularly impressed that the Mayor was seeking input as to what the Hall Carter James community wanted to have be part of the new community center. I believe that had she not been on board throughout the entire PACE EH process, that she would not have realized the importance of engaging residents who live close to such a facility to learn what they want and will use. In the past, Hall Carter James got "hand me downs" with regards to park play structures, trash cans, and even lighting standards; however, the tides have changed and the \$8

million community center is a sign of that. Also at the meeting, Mrs. Annie Mae Brown's painting group set a date to paint another house in the community and told people they have to participate in painting someone's home first before they can have their own home painted.

I attended the Minority Health Summit this month and really received an education on health disparities that exist around the nation. My conclusion that many of the causes for health disparities are within the environmental health realm has me urging others more than ever to see the big picture. PACE EH has provided some solutions to improve the minority health in many communities across the state already and I hope we can work harder to increase the number of success and thus, health of those experiencing the largest disparity.