

# Florida PACE EH Monthly Reporting Form



**Project Name:** Fellsmere PACE EH

**County Health Department:** Indian River

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## 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.

## 1. Project Summary

“The toughest thing about success is that you’ve got to keep on being a success” – Irving Berlin

Many successes have been brought to the Hall Carter James subdivision of Fellsmere; however, that fact will not dim our focus of continuing to solve issues and executing action plans in the community. This idea was stressed by Steering Committee member Reverend Childress during the month’s community meeting. He emphasized to the residents that they need to continue their participation in the community meetings and that their involvement is just as integral as is ours. Reverend Childress’ comments were prompted by many of the residents showing up late to the community meeting. We hope and need for the community to stay involved in their own progress.

The Steering Committee met in January for the purpose of reporting progress on action plans. A top community identified issue for the community is transportation. Because of PACE, two roads that lie in the project area were improved from hazardous to sufficient conditions. A prior meeting with the Public Works Director generated action by the County to improve the two roads. Now the roads are much easier to travel on, especially in times of heavy rain. For many years the roads were impassable due to poor drainage and flooding, but now are 100% dry!

A second transportation issue has come to our attention. Parents of the community are concerned about the safety of their elementary school children and want the school bus to pick up the children at State Street at Grant Park. The current bus stop is on Willow Street, a much busier road and one that does not provide protection against rain or traffic. Although there has been resistance from the Indian River County School District to change the bus route, the middle school and high school students are picked up from the State Street location, providing a justifiable argument that should provoke change for the elementary school students.

Housing is another community identified issue that the Steering Committee is motivated to improve. Bonnie Heck, the Community Liaison, was tasked with researching housing grants that residents could apply for assistance. Mrs. Heck did a great job and came to the meeting with an abundance of knowledge in housing grants as they apply to Hall Carter James. In addition to Mrs. Heck’s work, Habitat for Humanity began their construction of a community adjacent to the Hall Carter James subdivision. We hope that we can help some residents take advantage of the housing that will become available by Habitat for Humanity and/or apply for grants as they apply to their situation.

Lack of business opportunity is a community identified issue that has seen some progress. The community store called “Granny’s” received CRA money for façade improvements a couple of months ago. Bids were put in from various companies to use the \$5,000 awarded by the CRA committee to improve the store. The money was allocated at a City Council meeting in which community residents showed up to show their support for Granny’s Store and for the PACE project.

Polly Coe, a member of the Steering Committee also announced some progress she accomplished. Mrs. Coe is part of the Fellsmere Beautification Committee and cares much about the aesthetics of a community. She established Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, as a clean-up day for the Hall Carter James subdivision and Fellsmere. This should turn out to be another empowering day in which the residents take action in improving their own community.

## 2. Work plan and Process Update

Clearly specify the PACE EH Task you have worked on, are currently working on including future plans to complete Tasks. How close are you to achieving your outlined goal for the assessment?

PACE-EH Tasks	Action	Outcome	Target Date
<b>Task 1:</b> Determine Community Capacity	Conduct first community-wide meeting	Completed	
	Meet with leaders and officials to determine if support exists to undertake this project	Completed	
	Evaluate attitudes of community residents to determine if they want our involvement	Completed	
	Define geographic boundaries and parties who will be involved in project	Completed	
<b>Task 2:</b> Define and Characterize the Community	Define demographics of the community	Completed	
	Locate interior resources and unique features within the community	Completed	
<b>Task 3:</b> Assemble A community – based environmental health assessment team	Once issues are identified from surveys, applicable government officials will be asked to participate on CEHA team	Completed	
	Ask community leaders if they wish to be part of the CEHA team	Completed	
<b>Task 4:</b> Define the goals, objectives, and scope of the assessment	Gather information to learn what is to be accomplished by PACE EH	Completed	
	Decide and focus on desired outcomes identified by CHD and community members		
<b>Task 5:</b> Generate a list of community-specific environmental health issues	Distribute survey assessment to entire community via door to door interaction	Completed	
	Continue to gather verbal information at meetings and events		

<b>Task 6:</b> Analyze issues with a systems framework	Our Information Technology dept. has aided us in creating an access database to populate with our survey data. The database will include a few reports so that we can analyze the issues efficiently and effectively.	Completed	
<b>Task 7:</b> Identify locally appropriate indicators	Contact the Indian River County Planning division and research census 2000 data and charts.org to acquire local indicators	Completed	
<b>Task 8:</b> Select standards against which local status can be compared	Research demographics in greater detail. Compile statistics for project area and research/ compare against larger area statistics such as county, state, national data.	Completed	
<b>Task 9:</b> Create issue profiles	List issues that have been identified in the community and describe how they relate to the area.	Completed	
<b>Task 10:</b> Rank issues	Rank the top 5 issues of the community. These will be provided by the analysis of the data base.	Completed	
<b>Task 11:</b> Set priorities for action	During steering committee meetings, develop plans for action that solve community issues. Assign responsibility to individual(s) in order to get tasks completed.	Completed	
<b>Task 12:</b> Develop action plans	Perform asset mapping at steering committee to brainstorm list of resources available to address community identified issues. Based on identified resources, assign committee members duties to execute actions plans.	Completed	
<b>Task 13:</b> Evaluate progress and plan for the future	Conduct a post-survey in the community to quantify the results of the project. This will be done with the help of NACCHO.		May 2008

## 2. Outstanding Issues/Concerns

There has been great success in the community as a result of the PACE project in Hall Carter James. However, we are at a point where it feels that the community is becoming complacent by what is going on in their community. We need to motivate them to feel like they are just as necessary to this project as we are because in the end, they will need to be empowered enough to continue working to improve their community.

## 2. Miscellaneous

County Road After Work



Granny's Store

