

# Florida State medical students complete community medicine course

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FORT PIERCE — The third-year students at the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus recently completed a course in community medicine.

The two-week clerkship is designed to broaden students' understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention. Students work as a member of a community agency team to assist in fulfilling its goals of maintaining the health of the community and to share and discuss their observations with agency members, faculty and other students.

The goals published in Healthy People 2020 serve as a template for inquiry and analysis of the agency's place in the health care of the community. The course involves experiential, service and reflective learning, including online e-Portfolio assignments.



Ginny Jones (from left), clinical director of Behavioral Services; student Etzer Augustin; and Suzy Hutcheson, president/CEO at Helping People Succeed in Stuart. (Photo: Beth Strack)

At the end of the clerkship each student delivered a presentation of their experience to the regional campus dean, Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, and invited guests from the agencies.

Thus, every student learned about the roles played by multiple service organizations within the health care matrix of the community.

FSU thanks the community agency partners who taught this important clerkship this year: American Cancer Society, Council on Aging of St. Lucie County, Indian River County Health Department, St. Lucie County Health Department, Helping People

Succeed, PATCHES Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care and United Against Poverty.



**Student Meghan Phelan (left) works with Theresa Woodson at the American Cancer Society in Vero Beach. (Photo: Urszula Knight)**