

Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council

Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2008

Opening

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 18, 2008 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Boardroom, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, California 95991.

Members Present

Joe **D'Andrea**, Sutter County One Stop; Rachel **Farrell** P.A., Harmony Health; John **Fleming**, Yuba County Economic Development; Dr. Foster **McManus** and Paul **McManus**, Achieving Health Chiropractic and Wellness Center; Tanya **Mullen**, Fremont-Rideout Health Group; Dr. Larry **Ozeran**, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society; Dr. Tom **Pelton**, DDS, Butte-Sierra District Dental Society; Brynda **Stranix**, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation

Members Absent

Toni **Morris**, Sutter Surgical Hospital North Valley; Felipe **Ordonez**, Del Norte Clinics, Inc; Susanna **Ramirez**, Planned Parenthood; Cheryl **Riley**, North Central Counties Consortium.

Guests Present

Amerjit **Bhattal**, RN, PHN, Sutter County Human Services Health Division; Joan **Hoss**, Director, Sutter County Human Services Health Division; Doreen **Osumi**, Yuba City Unified School District; John **Taylor**, CCIM, CPM, Coldwell Banker Commercial Bosanek & Flores

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2008 meeting were approved with two corrections made by Rachel Farrell. The corrections were:

1. Her title is not Dr. but P.A.
2. The letter she received was not from Adele James, but from The California Endowment.

Treasurer Report: Dr. Tom Pelton reported no expenditures.

Correspondence: Brynda Stranix reported that she had received two quotes for the official letterhead. One from PIP Printing was for \$1,669.88 for 500 sheets of letterhead, 500 blank sheets, and 500 envelopes and the other quote was from B.F.S. for the same

quantities. They quoted \$ 1,219.34. Brynda then showed the group letterhead that she made by purchasing plain paper and printing from YSEDC's printer. The cost was less than both the quotes she obtained. After discussion, it was decided that the council would use the letterhead produced by Brynda.

-Old Business

Grants: Rachel Farrell, P.A. reported that she, Dr. Ozeran, and Dr. Pelton had a conference call with Adele James from The California Endowment. The next step for the grant will be a conference call with Carol Cassady to further discuss the grant, since it was agreed that it falls under the "Access to Care" funding category. Before the call, the council needs to streamline the goals for the grant. In order to do this, an ad hoc committee meeting will need to take place. It was agreed that Rachel Farrell, Dr. Pelton, Dr. Ozeran, and Joe D'Andrea would make up the ad hoc committee.

Website: Dr. Ozeran asked the council members if they wanted to list their names, links, and logos on the website. The members present agreed. If a member did not want their information on the website, they have the option to opt out.

Fremont-Rideout Health Group: Tanya Mullin reported that there is no change in the status of the nursing contract. They still have the issue of whether to have a closed shop or an open one. She did state that the nurses might strike over the Memorial Day Holiday. Rachel Farrell, P.A. briefly discussed problems patients from Harmony Health have had being admitted to FRHG in labor. Tanya was unaware of any such issues. Dr. Ozeran suggested that the administration of FRHG host a meeting with community OB-GYN physicians and the regional midwives to define all existing problems and find a collaborative solution.

Bylaws: Bylaws will be sent to members for review and a vote to adopt them will be taken at the next meeting.

Reform: Dr. Ozeran shared that the Republicans in the legislature, led by Assemblyman Keene, will be working to develop a Healthcare Reform Plan to counter what is expected to be a push toward single-payer (i.e. the State of California) insurance by the Democrats in the next legislative session.

Strategic Plan/Action Plan: Dr. Foster McManus reported that they had not had a meeting to date. Doreen Osumi reported that Yuba City Unified School District has an Outreach Coordinated Health Plan to look at the wellness of students. Amerjit Bhattal reported that in Sutter County there are free Prescription Cards that give underinsured or uninsured patients discounts at most major pharmacies.

New Business

Meth Project: Joan Hoss told the council about the Montana Meth Project and wanted the assistance of the council to get something like it started in our area. She had contacted the founding organization for the project and discovered that they only use the project in statewide efforts. She will contact the project founder directly to see if this is something we might be able to use regionally. If this issue cannot be resolved, Joan stated that they would go with another plan that will include billboards, newspapers, and radio ads to promote knowledge of meth use and its adverse affects. Rachel Farrell told the council of Harmony Health Family Resource Center youth's video posted on YouTube under "R Spot," depicting families in Linda and the effect meth has had on their lives.

Economic Development: Brynda Stranix stated that the YSEDC is undergoing changes and strategic planning. One piece of that is determining the need to add a relocation component that will complement recruitment and retention efforts. John Taylor is assisting with this project. Further discussion regarding economic development included the need for an urgent care type clinic in the Olivehurst area. After some discussion, the council agreed to help determine need and survey existing facilities and their plans for expansion.

Adjournment

Dr. Larry Ozeran adjourned meeting at 1:10 p.m. The next general meeting scheduled for May 16, 2008 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Board Room, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, CA 95991

Minutes submitted by: Dianna DeLashmutt

Approved by: Rachel Farrell, P.A.