

Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2008

Opening

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on August 15, 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; Richard Hare, Tri-County Schools Insurance Group; Toni Morris, Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley; Tanya Mullen, Fremont-Rideout Health Group; Felipe Ordonez, Del Norte Clinics, Inc; Doreen Osumi, Yuba City Unified School District; Dr. Larry Ozeran, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society; Ginny Pittman, Butte-Sierra District Dental Society; Brynda Stranix, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation.

Members Absent

John Fleming, Yuba County Economic Development; Dr. Foster McManus and Paul McManus, Achieving Health Chiropractic and Wellness Center; Susanna Ramirez, Planned Parenthood; Cheryl Riley, North Central Counties Consortium.

Guests Present

Joe Cassidy, Yuba County Health Department; Dr. Linda Halderman, Sr. Health Policy Advisor to State Senator Sam Aanestad (call in).

Approval of Minutes: Amendment requested by Felipe Ordonez of name of Del Norte Clinics, Inc. Motion to approve minutes as amended: Toni Morris, second Joe D'Andrea. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Tom Pelton, Treasurer was absent

Brynda Stranix reported dues invoices were mailed out. Checks come to EDC first and then given to Treasurer. Richard Hare reported Treasurer set up account and all parties signed signature forms over the last two days. Finance subcommittee should meet before next meeting.

Correspondence: Larry Ozeran reported that he has not received a response regarding the letter of support sent for the FQHC clinic and Felipe Ordonez reported DNCI is waiting for Sutter County Supervisors' action. Dr. Ozeran also reported on SB981, explained the "balance billing" issue, and shared an email outlining his analysis.

Grants Subcommittee Update:

- 1. California Endowment Update:** None
- 2. Funder's Forum:** None.

Strategic Plan/Action Plan: Goals & Benchmarks action plan meeting set for October 17 from 8 – 12 to be followed by regular monthly meeting. Motion: Brynda Stranix and second Joe D'Andrea.

Wellness Subcommittee Update: Tanya Mullen reported on conceptual discussions of the subcommittee. Rachel Farrell and Toni Morris added their comments supporting regional participation in events as needed to promote wellness, likely focusing on obesity. Doreen Osumi also updated on YCUSD collaboration with Sutter North to hire a public education specialist.

Fremont-Rideout Health Group: No update.

California Healthcare Reform: Dr. Ozeran discussed balanced billing and Senator Perata's bill (SB981).

Yuba City 100th Anniversary Celebration: With no motion on this issue, it will be dropped.

New Business:

12:15 pm Conference Call Initiated

Topic: SBX1 27

Sponsor: Sam Aanestad

Healthcare Restoration Act for the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP)

Caller: Dr. Linda Halderman, Senior Health Policy Advisor to Senator Aanestad

Dr. Halderman described the bill and its purpose, which is to expand access and choices in the MRMIP program. All members of the committee had already received a copy of the marked up bill and a summary prepared by Dr. Ozeran. Questions were asked to clarify the number of people this bill would impact and the funding through assessments of major health insurance carriers. It was further noted that Sheila Kuehl, who opposes this bill, chairs the Healthcare Policy Committee in the Senate. Dr. Halderman requested our council's review and comments or letter of support. Motion was made by Richard Hare to write a general letter of conceptual support to expand access to MRMIP. Second by Ginny Pitman. Voice vote was affirmative with Dr. Ozeran, Brynda Stranix, and Rachel Ferrell abstaining.

Healthcare Collaborative Network: Felipe Ordonez provided the MOU for Colusa County and the entities participating in the Healthcare Collaborative Network. One of their goals is to encourage youth to work toward careers in healthcare. He was requesting representation of the YSHC. Joe D'Andrea indicated that he has been participating on the career / education side since the inception of the HCN and could represent the Council. Felipe Ordonez will join him to participate on the provider side.

Healthcare Technology: Rachel Farrell indicated there are grant programs for clinics and providers to establish information technology and would like the item considered. This item will be scheduled for the next agenda.

Adjournment

Dr. Larry Ozeran adjourned meeting at 1:10 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2008 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Board room, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, CA 95991

Minutes submitted by: Richard T. Hare

Approved by: Richard T. Hare