

Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council

Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2008

Opening

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on September 19, 2008 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Boardroom, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, California 95991.

Members Present

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; Dr. Larry Ozeran, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society; Dr. Tom Pelton, Butte-Sierra District Dental Society; Susanna Ramirez, Planned Parenthood; Brynda Stranix, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation.

Members Absent

Doreen Osumi, Yuba City Unified School District; Joe D'Andrea, Sutter County One Stop; John Fleming, Yuba County Economic Development; Dr. Foster McManus and Paul McManus, Achieving Health Chiropractic and Wellness Center; Cheryl Riley, North Central Counties Consortium.

Guests Present

Amerjit Bhattal, Sutter County Human Services; Sue Graue, Colusa Regional Medical Center.

Alternates:

Renee Schroyer, Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2008 meeting. It was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Report: Dr. Tom Pelton, Treasurer, reported that there was a beginning balance of \$2,256.69. There was a deposit of \$412.00 and an expenditure of \$92.62 for a total of \$2,576.57. The finance committee had nothing to report.

Correspondence: Richard Hare reported that the Articles of Incorporation have been received. He said the next step is processing non-profit status paperwork with the I.R.S. and it could require several filings.

Grants Subcommittee Update:

- 1. California Endowment Update:** Rachel Farrell reported that she is now part of a community based organization that will be trying to put together the list for the Funder's Forum. She asked that the Healthcare Council consider sending someone to the next meeting to represent the council.
- 2. Funder's Forum:** .see above.

Strategic Plan/Action Plan: Goals & Benchmarks action plan meeting set for October 17 from 8 – 12 to be followed by regular monthly meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the council will pay for breakfast and lunch for the members that come to the meeting. It was approved by acclamation.

Wellness Subcommittee Update: Rachel Farrell reported that there was only one other person at their subcommittee meeting. They decided they need to come up with a strategic plan to focus on and then bring that plan to the council. The Chair encouraged a member of the committee to be the point person for the sub-committee until a sub-committee chair can be identified in order to ensure better communication among subcommittee members.

Fremont-Rideout Health Group: No changes yet but a discussion was held on the cost of "travelers".

California Healthcare Reform: Dr. Ozeran said that a few hundred bills were passed by both houses during the Labor Day holiday. They are now on the desk of the Governor waiting for his signature.

Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network: Sue Graule is the project coordinator for this program. She stated "Colusa Regional Medical Center received a federal grant from HRSA to develop a collaborative amongst local healthcare providers, education providers and community providers to:

- 1. Develop a model for health careers learning pathways**
- 2. Collaborate on the development of community health interventions**
- 3. Identify ways to collaborate on other mutually beneficial programs, e.g., telemedicine, tele-education, orientation, and continuing education for healthcare professionals**
- 4. Collaborate on development of grant applications and other activities that can help fund the identified programs."**

After much discussion and interest in the Colusa program, Sue is willing to come to the Strategic Planning meeting on Oct. 17, 2008 and talk more about her program and the grant process.

Health Information Technology and Connectivity: Dr. Ozeran made a presentation based upon his 30 years in I.T. Health I.T. has been developing over more than 20

years, with decreasing costs and improving standards but rising labor costs. The hardest part of collaborative HIT is getting competitors to agree to share data. There was general agreement that sharing data would be worthwhile for the community. Dr. Ozeran asked Council members to consider how they might be willing to share data for discussion at future Council meetings.

New Business: Felipe Ordonez updated the Council on the status of the Sutter County clinic outsourcing plan. Both Del Norte Clinics, Inc. and Peachtree Clinic have submitted proposals.

Dr. Ozeran was asked to update the Council about his bid for state assembly. He reported that insufficient signatures were collected to be named on the ballot and he would soon be contacting supporters to make a decision about running as a write-in candidate in the November election.

Dr. Ozeran suggested that the council consider a membership drive. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Dr. Larry Ozeran adjourned meeting at 1:07 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for Oct 17, 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: Richard T. Hare