

# **Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council**

**Meeting Minutes      January 23, 2009**

## **Opening**

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 23, 2009 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Boardroom, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, California 95991.

## **Members Represented**

Colusa Regional Medical Center by Ms. Sue Graue, Del Norte Clinics, Inc. by Mr. Felipe Ordonez, Harmony Health by Ms. Rachel Farrell, North Central Counties Consortium by Ms. Cheryl Riley, Planned Parenthood by Ms. Heather Price, Sutter County One Stop by Mr. Joe D'Andrea, Tri-County Schools Insurance Group by Mr. Richard Hare, Yuba City Unified School District by Ms. Doreen Osumi, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society by Dr. Larry Ozeran, and Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation by Ms. Brynda Stranix.

## **Members Not Represented**

Butte Sierra District Dental Society, Yuba County Economic Development; Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley; Fremont-Rideout Health Group;

## **Guests Present**

Tierni Martins of BilTek Profits, Loraine McBurney of Colusa County, Amerjit Bhattal of Sutter County Health Department, Michelle Burgin of Peach Tree Clinic.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 19, 2008 meeting were moved, seconded, and adopted with two modifications. They were,

- (1) Adding Heather Price's last name to the Members Represented list
- (2) Adding North Central County Consortium to the Members Not Represented list.

## **Treasurer Report**

As of 12/17/08, outstanding Member invoices totaled \$2350. Bank balance was \$4213.19.

**Correspondence:** None

## **Grants Subcommittee Update**

Ms. Farrell reported that the California Endowment has picked where they are giving grant money to and Yuba County will not be one of the places picked. She felt it was due to no firm collaboration on a single project shown. Ms. Farrell did indicate that California Endowment might be willing to look at a regional collaboration if we can present an acceptable plan to them.

## **Strategic Plan/Action Plan**

Mr. Ordonez was unable to follow up with Ms. Zeller. After discussion it was decided to move the timeline of the Student Health Career days to later in the year. Ms. Osumi, Mr. Ordonez, Mr. D'Andrea, Ms. Farrell, Ms. Riley and Dr. Ozeran will comprise a new subcommittee and will set up a meeting date to discuss the Student Health Career Day and bring recommendations back to the Council.

## **Wellness Subcommittee Update**

The Council decided to dissolve this subcommittee and Ms. Osumi will be the liaison between Yuba City Unified Wellness Committee and the Yuba Sutter Healthcare Council.

## **Fremont-Rideout Health Group**

No representative was present to provide an update. Dr Ozeran was asked when the new surgical hospital would open. Openings are scheduled for February 19th and February 28th.

## **California Healthcare Reform:**

As mandated by the legislature several years ago, the Medical Board recently completed a study on physician capacity in California. They recently reported that their data confirmed what many had been saying for years, that there is a physician shortage in California and physicians are unevenly distributed.

Dr. Ozeran also reported that the California State Supreme Court recently ruled that patients seen by non-contracted physicians in an emergency could not be billed for physician services when the health plan paid inadequately. He reminded the Council that this ruling violated our Principles of Effective Healthcare and stated that he believed this would further destabilize our fragile healthcare system. We have not heard anything further from the Obama administration and it remains unclear what might happen with healthcare reform on the national front.

#### **Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network**

Ms. Graue introduced a teacher in the program, Loraine McBurney. Ms. McBurney also shared the B.E.S.T. (Blood, Energy, Sweat, and Talent) program that will; explore health careers, reduce childhood obesity, and promote community health. She is the teacher who will implement the 20-hour orientation course at Pierce High School for the Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network BEST Student program on February 4, 2009. Ms. McBurney will implement this same program at Williams High School late February.

#### **Health Information Technology and Connectivity**

Dr. Ozeran brought information on the Redwood Health Information Collaborative led by the Mendocino County Department of Health. Ms Farrell mentioned that there are numerous grant opportunities we might seek to bring computerized health information technology to our area. Dr. Ozeran said that he would be sending the link to the Mendocino Project to everyone on the council to look at their program and to see if we could use their information to help us to come up with a plan for our area.

#### **New Business**

Dr. Ozeran related meeting a representative for Polar who described a school program they supported which reduced local obesity in an Iowa school from 86% to 16% over one year. Dr. Ozeran has requested more details from the Polar rep.

#### **Adjournment**

Dr. Ozeran adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2009 at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Board room, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, CA 95991

Minutes submitted by: Dianna DeLashmutt

Reviewed by: Richard T. Hare, Secretary

Approved by:

Revised Minutes 2/10/09.