

Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council

Meeting Minutes June 19, 2009

Opening

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 2:00 p.m. on June 19, 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. Kathleen Kerrigan, 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-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society by Dr. Larry Ozeran, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation by Ms. Brynda Stranix.

Members Not Represented

Butte Sierra District Dental Society, Fremont-Rideout Health Group, North Central Counties Consortium, Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley, Yuba City Unified School District, and the Yuba County Economic Development Corp.

Guests Present

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. D'Andrea and seconded by Ms. Graue to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2009 meeting without changes. It was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Hare gave the Treasurer's report in Dr. Pelton's absence. The balance of the account as of 6/18/2009 is \$5,337.63. The account is net of the outstanding check of \$499.00 for Legalfilings which is processing our Section 501 c (3) application for tax exemption.

Correspondence:

None.

Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2009 and 2010:

A motion was made and seconded for the meeting date to stay at the 3rd Friday of every month. It was approved by acclamation. It was decided that the Board Meeting will be noticed two weeks ahead. It will probably be held in January on the 3rd Friday after the regular meeting.

Strategic Plan/Action Plan Student Health Careers Day:

Dr. Ozeran discussed the various tasks required. He has developed a task sheet. There is a concern that with the uncertainty of the state budget that the schools will not be able to participate this fall. There are currently over 50 health careers being considered. The plan is for students to select and visit 5 health career stations. Each station should have career related manipulatives and each career speaker will present for about 15 minutes. A very rough estimate of the total transportation cost for all students from their middle school to the nearest high school is \$8,000.

Ms. Stranix indicated that it may be possible to link the program to an economic development grant. Mr. D'Andrea recommended putting off until 2010 if funding cannot be secured, but fall of 2009 is not possible. Further updates will be given at the July meeting.

Wellness Update

The subcommittee members were not present. Mr. Hare updated the group on the Sutter County Chronic Disease Summit sponsored by the Sutter County Health Department. Mr. Hare shared the Sutter County Chronic Disease Fact Sheet that was presented at the Summit. The goal established from the meeting was to impact tobacco use and to increase the calls to the smoking/chewing phone support which is funded by tobacco taxes. It was noted one third of those who call do quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Hot line cards were passed out to the members of the Council. This item will be scheduled for review at the next meeting of the Council.

Fremont-Rideout Health Group

No report was made.

California Healthcare Reform

Dr. Ozeran recommended members take a look at www.whitehouse.gov/live for updates on the national debate related to healthcare reform. It was also stressed that we should be directing political leadership at the federal and state levels to review the principles published on our website www.yubasutterhealthcarecouncil.org. The principles should serve as guidance in setting policy.

Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network

Ms. Graue reported that 25 students have completed the program. Thirteen students have been employed in summer internships. The program is slated to kickoff again next year using after-school funding which has already been received. Woodland Community College and Williams High School Career Exploration efforts will continue.

Health Information Technology and Connectivity

1. CAeHC Discussion

Dr. Ozeran mentioned that he is participating in seven HIT and HIE stimulus-related sub-committees and working groups. The Town Hall Meeting report was sent by CAeHC to the California Department of Health and Human Services today.

Invitations to Join Yuba Sutter Healthcare Council

Ms. Stranix has a listing of various businesses and will develop a list for potential invitees. Ms. Graue volunteered to assist. It is recommended that two approaches be used which include a meeting invitation card in advance of each meeting and a directed focused letter of invitation to the head of each organization or desired member. At the next meeting we will go over the listing and the approaches. Overall the group thought the letter prepared by Dr. Ozeran was excellent as an invitation to any prospective member. There was a consensus that it also would be beneficial for Council members to directly contact colleagues who were identified for invitation.

New Business:

None

Adjournment

Dr. Ozeran adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2009, 12:00 pm at the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Board room, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, CA 95991

Meeting Dates: 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18/09

Minutes submitted by: Richard Hare

Reviewed by: Dr. Larry Ozeran

Approved by: