

# **Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council**

## **Meeting Minutes August 21, 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**

Butte Sierra District Dental Society by Ms. Jeannie Pittman, 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 and Ms. Karen Bowen, Tri-County Schools Insurance Group by Ms. Dianna DeLashmutt, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society by Dr. Larry Ozeran, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation by Ms. Brynda Stranix.

### **Members Not Represented**

Fremont-Rideout Health Group, Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley, Yuba City Unified School District, and the Yuba County Economic Development Corp.

### **Guests Present**

Ms. Amarjit Bhattel and Ms. Michelle Blake from Sutter County Health Dept., Dr. Ann Newbury, Mr. Jeff Hanner from Peach Tree Clinic, Dr. Toni Cristopherson from Yuba Community College Dist.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded by to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2009 meeting without changes. It was approved by acclamation.

### **Treasurer Report**

Ms. Pittman gave the Treasurer's report in Dr. Pelton's absence. The balance of the account as of 6/18/2009 is \$5,289.63.

### **Correspondence:**

Dr. Ozeran reported that he sent his letter regarding the Health Care Reform bill to Senator Herger and to other organizations. So far he has received 8 responses.

### **Strategic Plan/Action Plan Student Health Careers Day:**

Mr. D'Andrea recommended putting off until fall 2010 since due to the continuing budget crisis, funding cannot be secured. Ms. Stranix said that she would continue to look for grant opportunities. Ms. Pittman told the council that Dr. Ripley was instrumental in obtaining transportation for a dental program that was held a few years ago. Dr. Ozeran advised shelving this project until school funding is more stable and the school leadership has time to address the logistics of this project.

Ms Stranix would like the council to consider helping the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation with a cluster analysis that would supply information on what the needs are in this area for medical based industries. She will bring information and questions back to the Council.

Dr. Ozeran asked the Council to consider which goals from our Strategic / Action Plan we should address since the Student Health Careers Day needs to be tabled for now. He then read several goals from the list. We will discuss this further at the next meeting, but he encouraged ideas and thoughts to be shared by email

before the meeting.

### **Fremont-Rideout Health Group**

No report was made.

### **California Healthcare Reform**

Dr. Ozeran indicated that the existing health care reform bill in Congress is expected to be modified after the current recess. He then asked the group whether to send a letter to our senators similar to the letter we sent to Congressman Herger. Support was voiced with no opposition. He further encouraged everyone to distribute our Blueprint among friends and family to improve the chances that Congress might hear our message.

### **Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network**

Ms. Graue reported that the students that participated in the program were very enthusiastic about the program and that they have 20 students already for the next BEST orientation class. Their grant will end November 30<sup>th</sup> and they are hoping the program will be self-sustaining by that time.

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

#### 1. CAeHC Discussion

Dr. Ozeran reported that the state is considering awarding a state designated entity the responsibilities for state-wide HIE. CalRHIO and CAeHC are both being considered.

### **Invitations to Join Yuba Sutter Healthcare Council**

Ms. Stanix has agreed to circulate or bring a list of potential new members.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Ozeran adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. after getting consensus from the group to go five minutes over time. The next general meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2009, 12:00 pm at the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Board room, 1227 Bridge Street, Suite C, Yuba City, CA 95991

Meeting Dates: 10/16, 11/20, 12/18/09

Minutes submitted by: Dianna DeLashmutt

Reviewed by: Richard T. Hare

Approved by: Council on September 18, 2009