

Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2009

Opening

Dr. Larry Ozeran, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council to order at 12:00 p.m. on September 18, 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 Dr. Tom Pelton, Del Norte Clinics, Inc. by Mr. Felipe Ordonez, 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 Ms. Dianna DeLashmutt, Yuba City Unified School District by Ms. Kelle Nelson, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Medical Society by Dr. Larry Ozeran, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation by Ms. Brynda Stranix.

Members Not Represented

Colusa Regional Medical Center, Fremont-Rideout Health Group, Harmony Health, Sutter Surgical Hospital-North Valley, and the Yuba County Economic Development Corp.

Guests Present

Dr. Ann Newbury, Mr. Jeff Hanner from Peach Tree Clinic, Mr. Gary Bradford, IT Consultant

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded by to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2009 meeting without changes. It was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Report

Dr. Pelton reported that the balance of the account as of 9/14/2009 is \$5,196.65.

Correspondence:

Dr. Ozeran reported that he sent letters to Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer. No correspondence was received.

Strategic Plan/Action Plan:

Dr. Ozeran led a discussion with the Council about which of our strategic goals should be addressed while we are waiting for a better time to implement the medical career expo in the middle schools. It was suggested that the council work on 2 or 3 goals. Ms Stranix and Mr. D'Andrea will be working on the cluster analysis that will supply information on what the needs are in this area for medical based industries. They will bring information and questions back to the Council by the November meeting.

Fremont-Rideout Health Group:

The nursing dispute has been resolved.

Community Wellness Update:

Ms. Nelson reported that Community Wellness Committee met yesterday at the Yuba City Unified School District Board Room. She reported to the council that there are two PE specialists that are going to 6 of the elementary school sites to lead the teachers in PE curriculum that they can then continue to teach to their students. The students are evaluated on their progress every 4 weeks. Sutter North Medical Foundation was very instrumental in providing the funding for the specialists. Sutter North is also partnering with Yuba City Unified in bringing Power Kids to all the elementary school sites and around the community. They have

posters that they are putting up at school sites, trading cards for the kids to have, and the Power Kids are available to come to schools or community events. Shady Creek is partnering with Sutter North to do a health and wellness component with one class of 5th graders from King Ave. School. Sutter North will be providing pedometers for each child. Shady Creek instructors will meet with the class the week before they go on their trip to Shady Creek. They will be encouraged to do a journal of their steps each day. The last thing she reported to the council was that the Wellness Committee is considering their goals for the 2009-2010 school year and based upon the information learned at the Chronic Disease Summit, the Committee is considering a smoking cessation goal.

Healthcare Reform

Dr. Ozeran reported that the series of speeches that President Obama has been giving in the last few weeks mirrors many of the points in the letter that was sent to Congressman Herger and Senators Feinstein and Boxer. Mr. D'Andrea noted that Mrs. Obama had just done a speech where she talked extensively about preventative measures and insurance companies not being able to deny coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

Colusa Healthcare Collaborative Network

Ms. Graue sent an email that stated they have all 4 high schools participating in the BEST program.

Health Information Technology and Connectivity

1. CAeHC Discussion

Dr. Ozeran reported that CAeHC would be submitting its proposal to become the State Designated Governance Entity next week and several organizations filed preliminary applications with ONC (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology) to become the geographic RECs (Regional Extension Centers). The results of the State selection process are scheduled to be released 29 September as are which REC applicants will be permitted to go to the next stage. The final REC applications are due at the end of November and who has been selected for funding won't be decided until the end of the year. The purpose of the RECs is to assist solo and small group practices as well as community clinics and safety net hospitals install EHRs and bring them to "meaningful use". The full meaning of this term has not yet been defined.

As another potential strategic goal project, Dr. Ozeran suggested that the Council create a sub-committee to explore becoming a Health Information Organization (HIO) to promote Health Information Exchange among medical providers. This sub-committee would draft a process for coming to consensus about the sharing of electronic data. With the agreement of those present, the sub-committee will include Dr. Ozeran, Mr. D'Andrea, Mr. Hare, and Dr. Pelton. They will set up their first meeting at a later date and will report back to the Council.

Invitations to Join Yuba Sutter Healthcare Council

Ms. Stranix had nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

None

Adjournment

Dr. Ozeran adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. after getting consensus from the group to go five minutes over time. The next general meeting is scheduled for October 16, 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, 1/16, 2/19, 3/19

Minutes submitted by: Dianna DeLashmutt

Reviewed by: Richard Hare

Approved by: Council October 16, 2009