

Healthy Mendocino Project
POVERTY ACTION TEAM (PAT) MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2017
737 S. State St., Shasta Conference Room

Present: Rachel Ebel Elliott, HHSA; Waldi Helma, HHSA-FCJ; Heather Gurewitz, Congressman Huffman's Office; Thaïs Mazur, Healthy Mendocino; Traci Boyd, Plowshares; Julie Beardsley, HHSA-Public Health; Rebecca Sears, HHSA-CJS; Kaly Rule, Legal Services of Northern California; Angélica Millán, Legal Services of Northern California

1. Review of minutes of November 29, 2017 Meeting

Draft minutes approved as submitted.

2. Discussion about the Healthy Mendocino Summit Date

March 8, 2018 is the new date for the Healthy Mendocino Summit.

3. Discussion regarding Coastal PAT

Thaïs reported on the North Coast Poverty Action Team. The North Coast PAT, in cooperation with the West Company, is looking at creating a Financial Literacy Program for Latina women. Thaïs also reported that Project Sanctuary wants to create a financial literacy class for single mothers coming out of a DV situation.

4. Project Planning

For the benefit of new attendees, Thaïs provided some background about the CHIP and its various teams. Thaïs also mentioned that the Orange County CHIP would be used as a template for the Mendocino County CHIP.

Discussion regarding surveys.

The group had previously discussed developing and distributing two types of surveys: one intended for community organizations to determine resources in the community and the other directed to people living in poverty to assess how poverty manifested in the community.

The group discussed a yearly "Poverty Summit" to bring groups doing anti-poverty work or otherwise serving people in poverty, together and better coordinate resources. Each year, the summit can take on a new different overarching issue. The goal would be to increase coordination and create a referral network that might be more effective or might be in addition to maintaining an updated resource guide.

There was discussion about the need to do a more in-depth community assessment around poverty and about this group possibly spearheading some effort towards the assessment and data gathering, which would then be shared and used by government agencies, nonprofits, etc. so they can develop improved strategies to combat poverty.

4. Action Steps and Assignments

- a. Each member is encouraged to review the CHNA on the Healthy Mendocino website.
- b. At the next PAT meeting, Lydia will report on her contact at Grace Hudson regarding the Flea Market project and whether the school wants to take the lead.
- c. Angélica to draft a statement regarding Goals, Objectives and Outcomes/Measurements around the proposed referral/summit/networking guide project and the needs assessment project for review and discussion by the group at the January meeting.
- d. Angélica to contact Lydia about drafting a statement regarding Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes/Measurements around the Flea Market Project for review for review and discussion by the group at the January meeting. Post-meeting note: Angélica contacted Lydia and Lydia agreed to take a stab at it.

**NEXT POVERTY ACTION TEAM MEETING: January 25, 2018, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Shasta Conference Room**

Minutes by Angélica Millán