

**Healthy Mendocino Project**  
**POVERTY ACTION TEAM (PAT) MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2017, NCO**

**Present:** Susan Baird, Healthy Mendocino; Sheila Rogers; Jennifer O'Donnell, United Way; Angélica Millán, Legal Services of No.CA; Rebecca Sears, HHSA; Rachel Ebel Elliott, HHSA; Maria Avalos, FIRST 5/ARC-FRC; Yoana Alvarez, FIRST 5/ARC-FRC; Mary Ziegler, HHSA; Lydia Lopez, FIRST5/ARC-FRC; Waldi Helma, HHSA.

**1. Next Steps & Leadership.**

Susan discussed PAT leadership needs. The group is in need of a chair as Julie Beardsley was not able to get clearance from her supervisor to assume this responsibility. Discussion that chair term can be temporary/rotating—3 months.

Susan presented a background of the CHIP process for the benefit of new/newer attendees. Discussion about the need to reassess timetable to identify goals and objectives.

Rebecca pulled some data regarding needs and “make-up” of persons served through her program at HHSA. This data was passed around to the group at the meeting.

**2. Review draft logic model. Discuss Goals.**

The group reviewed the handout prepared by Jennifer on the Logic Model with a financial stabilization focus.

Discussion about goals and objectives. A goal should/could be general, i.e., Reduce Poverty and Increase Self-Sufficiency. Objectives can be more specific, e.g. “enroll more people in IDAs. Or ‘x, y, z saving program.”

There was discussion about different levels of poverty and that persons in poverty face different barriers so that these may need to be considered when determining objectives.

There was a discussion about the need for further information gathering, specifically the need for information about services available and needs. One assessment tool discussed was surveys to service providers and to community members. Lydia discussed the ARC’s model of hosting a community dinner to talk with the community about their needs and ideas. The ARC prepares a report out of such an event.

Susan summarized that the group seems to be on its way to adopting the goal of increasing self-sufficiency among families in Mendocino County and helping more residents get access to one or more services in a shopping basket of services. Some members thought we might be able to get funding for a project in this area, possibly framing it as a pilot.

### 3. Action Items

- Inventory. Jennifer will draft questions for providers regarding services in the community.
- Possibly hold two Community Dinners: one in English and the other in Spanish using ARC's model. Lydia will talk to the Latino Coalition about participating in this.
- Lydia will invite the MCOE liaison (a member of the Latino Coalition) to join the PAT.

**NEXT POVERTY ACTION TEAM MEETING: Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 1-2:30p.m.,  
location TBA** (NCO is not available.)

Minutes by Angélica Millán