



**Tehama County Health Partnership
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2006**

Attendance:

CA Highway Patrol
Easter Seals No. CA
Home Help For Hispanic Mothers
New Directions To Hope
Ready for Life
St. Elizabeth Comm. Hospital
Tehama Co. Dept of Education
Tehama County Probation

Child Care Referral & Education
Family Service Agency
Latino Outreach of Tehama County
N. Valley Catholic Social Services
Red Bluff Elementary School District
School Community Police Program
Tehama Co. Health Services Agency
Tehama County Social Services

Downtown R B Business Assoc.
Friday Night Live
Migrant Education
PATH
Red Bluff High School District
First 5 Tehama
Tehama Co. Mentoring Program
Sharon Dreyer

Welcome/Introductions:

Vice Chairperson Barbara Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. in the Corning City Council Chambers. Introductions were made.

Public Comment: None

Subcommittee Reports:

Governance/Resource Development: Venita Philbrick representing the Downtown Red Bluff Business Association reported the subcommittee held a special meeting to discuss Sustainability. The Partnership is funded through June 2006. Mary will formulate scenarios into a Cost Benefit Analysis that will be sent to all Partnership members. Everyone is asked to come to the February meeting with informed information for a discussion on sustainability and the direction in which the Partnership should proceed.

Public Education/Youth Action: Tina Zastrow representing Friday Night Live reported thirty students participated in Peer Educator Training in December. The Corning High School HIV Peer Educators presented their first of eight HIV 101 lesson. They will be educating middle school students from the smaller schools in the county on January 25, 2006.

Safe Communities/Healthy Students: No report.

Health Services and Education: Met with Governance.

Early Childhood Collaborative: Michelle Rosauer representing First 5 Tehama reported they would like to merge with the Safe Communities/ Healthy Students subcommittee. They are working on the same type of projects and would like to combine their efforts. Working on a Centralized Eligibility Referral Form so all the ECE programs in the county can utilize it with a family

signature stating child can be referred to other programs in the county. The document is typed and they are working with the legal department at the Department of Education to make sure it can be utilized. Had an update on Centralized Eligibility at CCRE. It will be a centralized eligibility project (separate from the one discussed above) that they will manage for childcare.

Approval of December 2005 Meeting Minutes:

Jerry Sellers representing Child Care Referral and Education made a motion to accept the December 2005 minutes as mailed. Tina Zastrow representing Friday Night Live seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Partnership General Announcements:

Venita Philbrick representing the Downtown Red Bluff Business Association announced the State Theatre is presenting the first of four classic movies. Singing In the Rain will be presented on January 27, 2006, 7:30 p.m., general admission \$8.00, children 12 and under \$5.00. This event is a Group Mentoring Special Night out.

Steve Whalen representing the California Highway Patrol distributed fliers. February is Childhood Safety Seat Awareness Month. The Tehama County Prevention Task Force will be conducting a free child safety seat clinic on February 11, 2006 in Red Bluff at the All State Office. Friday Night Live will be doing face painting.

Jeannie Ruiz representing PATH reported she is leaving and Stacey Dorman will be the new director beginning February 13, 2006.

Carol Curry representing Northern Valley Catholic Social Services announced they received a new grant. Review their monthly flier for activities and classes that are available such as Parenting Education Classes and Family Fun Nights.

Mary Jacobson Partnership Coordinator announced on January 18, 2005 there will be a Healthy Communities in the North State Building Neighborhoods Not Just Houses meeting at the Shasta County Administrative Center from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. presented by the North Valley Medical Association talking about building healthy communities all over the North State not just Shasta County. See Mary for more information.

Barbara Thomas representing the Red Bluff Union High School District announced for Gail Locke that the Community Action Agency is holding a public hearing on January 19, 2006, 3:30 p.m., at 633 Washington St. They are trying to get input from the public in regard to the direction they should follow and the needs of the different agencies. They allocate funds to non-profit agencies.

February is Children's Dental Health Month. The American Dental Association started the nationwide "Give Kids a Smile Day". The event highlights the importance of oral health and expands access to dental services for children without current dental care. In Tehama County, the event is scheduled for February 4, 2006 at the Northern Valley Indian Health Dental Clinic. This is the first-of-its-kind event for children ages 1-18 that do not have current dental care. Sealants and fluoride varnishes will also be provided for those identified as needing them. Using

the State Theatre, an education component will be offered to increase the awareness of the importance of oral health. The TC Department of Education is sending out fliers to all the schools in the county for the students to take home. Fliers are available.

Update on Existing Grants and Programs:

Mentoring: Melissa Mendonca representing the Tehama County Mentoring Program reported January is National Mentoring Month. On January 18, 2006 there will be a Mentors Appreciation at the Union Coffee House from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. On January 27, 2006 Group Mentoring will be held at the State Theatre, the kids and mentors get together to do fun activities together.

Friday Night Live: Tina Zastrow representing Friday Night Live (FNL) reported they have added a brand new youth philanthropic component. The young people will be doing some mini grants this spring of between \$50 and \$200. It is a youth development project that will be run by young people with the applications being written by young people with the support of adults. Grant money will be available for funding community service and prevention projects. The young people on the Tehama County Youth Council will make the grant decisions. They have raised a third of the money themselves. Approximately \$15,000 is available to use for mini grants. Contact Tina for more information.

School Community Police Program: Gary Fortenberry representing the School Community Police Program reported the grant that supplies a therapist and police officer at Corning High School will sunset in June. They are looking for more funding.

Red Bluff Trails United: Venita Philbrick representing Red Bluff Trails United reported, weather permitting, the contractor will repair the damage under the bridge done by the rains. The city has applied for two more CPA Bicycle Transportation grants to continue the segment through the park, under the bridge and down Washington. Red Bluff Trails United, a community group, has accomplished its goals and is recommending that it continue to exist as part of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Healthy Start: Nancy Stratton representing Red Bluff Elementary School District reported Metteer School has a Healthy Start grant that will run out in June 2006.

First Offender Program: Michelle Wetmore representing Tehama County Probation reported they hope to get their funding extended for another year.

Systems of Care: No report.

Children and Family Leadership Team: Randi Gottlieb representing Tehama County Social Services reported that on the Differential Response referrals (child abuse referrals) that came in during December 2005; twelve that would never have been seen by anybody were referred to community partners; twenty-five were responded to by a team, (team approach takes away stigma of Social Services); and approximately thirty were emergency responses by CPS. The new system is working.

After School SERRF: No report.

Family Resource Center: No report.

Funding Opportunities:

The Partnership Coordinator received information on mini-grant opportunities available from the California Regional Nutrition Network in the Sierra Cascade Region. Can request from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$5000. Small and large projects will be awarded. Application for this round is February 10, 2006.

The Partnership Coordinator sends out the latest funding opportunities via e-mail. Let her know if you are not on the e-mail list. Mary's e-mail is jacobsonm@tcha.net.

Chairpersons Report from Interagency Coordination Council (IACC):

Gail Locke Partnership Chairperson attended the last IACC meeting but was unable to attend the Partnership meeting. Her report will be given at the February meeting.

Action Item ~ Request for a Letter of Support for the Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program Grant Proposal:

Sharon Dreyer representing Red Bluff Union High School reported their tobacco grant is running out and needs to be renewed. The Tobacco grant services Red Bluff High School, Salisbury and Rebound. The grant will provide for after school tobacco cessation classes as an alternative to having students suspended. A letter of support is needed to complete the three-year \$71,887 grant. Deborah Hearnshaw representing St. Elizabeth Community Hospital made a motion to write a letter of support contingent on the approval of the Interagency Coordination Council. Venita Philbrick representing the Downtown Red Bluff Business Association seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Presentation ~ Perinatal Substance Abuse Program:

Linda Rose representing the Tehama County Health Services Agency distributed English and Spanish Brochures, handouts and referral forms. The Perinatal Substance Abuse Program was implemented in April and May 2005 by the Public Health and Drug and Alcohol Divisions of the Tehama County Health Services Agency and is funded from April 2005 – June 2007. The program goals are: Assist clients in obtaining a clean and sober lifestyle, encourage a healthy pregnancy, deliver a substance-free infant, facilitate parent/child bonding and assist family in providing a safe home environment.

Peer Educators Presentation:

Melissa Mendonca representing the Tehama County Mentoring Program stated in December they provided an intensive two-day countywide training for approximately twenty-four HIV/STD Peer Educators with the goal that they educate their peers. Melissa introduced Peer Educators Chris Johnson and Tyler Rutledge from Corning High School. They gave a presentation on refusal skills and saying no.

Adjourn:

The next meeting will be held February 21, 2006 at the Red Bluff Community Center from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.