

Placer Collaborative Network
Faith & Health In Action Council Meeting
August 1, 2008
Roseville Chamber of Commerce



Attendees: Richard Knecht, Doug Taylor, Sandy Bassett, Rebecca Huntley, Suzi DeFosset, Ed Morgado, Steve Surgener, Laurie Sorg, Cindy Brundage, Bev Anderson, A. Michelle Blakeley, David Fox, Scott Flanagan, Lynn Tarrant, Gloria Aguilera

Facilitator: Seana Doherty, PCN, Co-Director

Welcome/Introductions

Each person introduced him or herself and stated why they are attending this meeting.

Purpose of today

Seana outlined that the purpose of this meeting is to:

- 1) Give participants an overview of the Placer Collaborative Network
- 2) Give participants an overview of the PCN Faith & Health in Action Council
- 3) Get input from the Council on how to move forward

PCN Overview

Seana gave the group a brief overview of the Placer Collaborative Network. The presentation included the history of PCN, current projects, mission, and membership. For more information about PCN, please go to: www.placercollaborativenetwork.org Seana reminded the group that initiatives, such as this Council, happens only through membership support and asked that everyone in the room please consider joining PCN. Membership information can be found on the PCN website.

One of the focus areas for PCN is partnering with the Campaign for Community Wellness, a Placer-based initiative working on transforming mental health. The goals of the Campaign are to improve services by linking with non-traditional mental health providers and reducing stigma around access mental health services. Seana stressed the importance of linking with the faith community as part of the over-all goal of providing a tapestry of services for our community.

Richard Knecht, Children's System of Care added: And the more we can get people out of traditional, government services, the less stigma there is for the person seeking mental health care. For instance, if someone is to get their support group needs met at their local church, there is much less stigma for that person than if they were to go to a similar support group at Placer County Health and Human Services office.

PCN Faith & Health in Action Planning

Seana shared with the group the planning efforts so far for the Council. First, PCN hosted a panel discussion in June and over 100 people attended and gave input as to how the faith community and service sector could work better together. From the panel



discussion event, a small group formed to look at the ideas generated and create a plan for moving forward. The small group decided that they would like to continue to meet, would like to invite additional members to the table and would like to call themselves the PCN Faith & Health in Action Council.

Seana asked Council members to be willing to commit to a year of service.

Today's meeting is the first official Council meeting. As such, Seana asked the group to think about how they would like to meet, what they would like to work on and how they would like to be organized. Here are the comments from that discussion:

Who we are: We are a group comprised of faith and service organizations coming together to look for ways to improve services in Placer County by working together.

What we do: For now, we meet quarterly, to share and explore potential projects. Eventually we would like to form sub-committees to work on specific projects.

Where and when we meet: We would like to meet quarterly as a Council, on a set day of every quarter and additionally once sub-committees are formed. We would like to meet in a central location such as Loomis or Rocklin.

Current Ideas on the table for potential projects:

Ideas from the panel discussion in June:

- Pastors' Conference (already in the works)
- Quarterly Council meetings
- Placer-wide Health Fair (similar to Stand Down event in Sac)
- Youth mentoring
- Support for Latino communities (legal, resources, bi-lingual staff)
- Adopt a Case Worker
- Issue-based Community Forums (health & wellness focused)
- Homeless (connect them with resources, change image)
- Substance abuse work
- Family Support (Respite Fridays)
- Housing
- Volunteering
- Capacity building for churches (organizational and marketing needs)
- On-going opportunities to link County, faith, services

New ideas:

- Housing the homeless in Auburn
- Buck for Wellness Fund idea with local businesses (generate \$ via customer bills for a fund that supports Council projects in the community)
- End of Life Care program
- Create a sub-yahoo group on the current PCN yahoo group for faith info

- Time Bank Program
- Support of higher education in recovery
- List Recovery Services being offered by local churches on PCN or Campaign website (Bev to list these in upcoming newsletter)



Next Steps

Seana asked the group to pick the top 3-4 ideas listed above that they have the most passion around. The 5 ideas that the group stated that they would like to get more information about are as follows:

1) 2-1-1- Resource Program: A call-center and web-based local resource guide that connects people to local services, including church based resources. Rebecca Huntley will work with Seana on this.

2) Wellness Fund: Cindy Brundage will work with Seana and Bouchard Communications on outlining how this might work.

3) Housing for Homeless in Auburn: Suzi and Sandy will work with Seana to pull together a plan of how this might work.

4) Health Fair/Stand Down Type Event: Seana will call Dave at Bayside about how this might link with their event and work with Michele Blakeley on pulling this info together.

5) Regular Council meeting: in the works

Action: Seana will research, with input from Council members who signed up to help, details pertaining to each of the above listed projects. Seana will bring this info back to the Council at the next meeting for further review. Once the Council reviews the information, they will be asked to pick a project to work on.

Seana mentioned that through working with PCN and joining PCN, many of the ideas listed above would naturally happen.

Next meeting: Seana will email potential date to the Council.