

Sierra County Health Coordinating Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Meeting called to order by LeTina Vanetti at 9:35 at the USFS Carl Scholberg meeting room in Sierraville. Prior meeting minutes were approved. Introductions were made. Those present are listed on the attached roster.

Guest Speakers

Terry Williams from Community Connections gave a presentation. Community Connections is a county-wide Time Bank where members earn time credits for providing volunteer services for each other. One hour of service equals one time credit, and all members and services are equal. Members can also earn time credits for providing services that support community businesses and service organizations who are program sponsors. There are members in every community in Plumas County and growing in Sierra County.

After the presentation, LeTina asked if there was anyone else who should be presenting at this meeting. She reminded everyone that this meeting is also open to the public.

Clinics: Rhonda Grandi shared that the generator had failed at the clinic when the power went out. Portola was closed due to power outages for 1 ½ days. They are working on a large project to serve patients with mild-moderate mental health care. This program will be integrated within their primary care.

Deedee reported on the evacuation of 23 residents from Loyalton's long term living facility. They were transported to Portola due to the boiler breaking. She reported that the evacuation itself was successful. Influenza did begin to spread, but the proper measures were taken. She said it seemed to have affected the staff more than the patients. Flooding preplanning was done with the fire department beforehand. She considered all of these emergencies as "successful disaster." They now have 2 boilers. One is being rented and temporary. The other is the backup boiler that needs repairs.

EMS: EPHC Ambulance Supervisor Steve Waldeck also stated that the evacuation was successful and smooth. They are looking to replace 2 of their older ambulances.

Fire Departments: Angela Haick from Calpine Fire Department said that they still have a lot of training going on. The EMT class was very extensive with four graduates on Saturday. John Evans from Loyalton fire also said that everything went well with the power outage. Live fire training was done a couple of weeks ago. They have a recent graduate from the fire academy at Butte College. There are two EMT refresher courses. They are one February 4th, 5th, and 11th in Graeagle. There is another one March 3-5 taught by Victor Hernandez at Sierra College in Truckee.

Mental Health Laurie Marsh reminded everyone that the term "mental health" has been changed to "behavioral health." With that other changes are coming for MHSA. The Wellness center has been successful along with peer support. Kathleen from Downieville is the peer support specialist there. They are currently looking at a building in Downieville to make a Wellness

Center. A Veterans Support Specialist has recently been hired. His name is Wil Irwin. Linda Diltz gave an explanation of what peer support does.

OES: Lindsey Standley from California State OES shared that there are still many staff changes happening. She asked that we let them know what we noticed in the leadership changes. We will soon have a local state OES representative. If we have any damages we want to report to the state from the declared emergency on January 3-12th we must report it by midnight January 25th. There has to be 40% damage if reporting private property and 25% damage to public property.

Public Health: Shanna Anseth reminded everyone that there are still flu vaccinations available at the Health Department. The numbers of flu vaccines that have been done this year are matching what was done last year. This is a good thing because of the multiple locations that now provide these shots.

Bré Whitley reported that WIC that she recently has gotten 3 new clients in Downieville.

Kayla Russell explained the Photo voice she is working on where community members can take photos to portray the community. She also shared that the Medically At Risk registry was used during the power outage to contact those using oxygen.

Anne is waiting to see what will the money for Prop 56 will be used for with prevention. There is also an opportunity to do a photo voice project for tobacco. Anne recently finished a public opinion poll. The most shocking result was that 55% of participants did not know about Tobacco 21.

Barbara Weaver reported that 22 kids are signed up for REACH. She is currently working on the mandatory 5 year plan. She is also hosting a grieving parents group at the Wellness Center on Thursday mornings at 10:00.

LeTina is currently working on the mid-year reporting that is due soon. Fiscal has hired a new employee specifically working on public health. She is now located in at the Elorza building, and is no longer in the Health & Human Services building. Sierra County Resource guides are available as she is getting ready to print updated guides. EMT training funding is also still available for anyone who needs it.

Sheriff's Office/ Search & Rescue: Bobby Yegge reported from the Sheriff's Office that CodeRed was used during the power outage/flood. He said it worked great, but not many people had phones that worked. The Sierra City generator is working again. Yegge reminded everyone to stay off roads when the weather is bad. It is not easy for emergency vehicles to drive either. He informed every one of the drop boxes for prescription meds. He asked Rhonda where their older prescriptions go as he is trying to find a place for the medications that have been dropped off already. She is going to follow up with him. Bobby also reported on Search & Rescue. He informed us that he is now takin the administrative portion of Brad Dempster's job as Dempster has stepped down. The rest of his duties are being spread out through others in SAR. Search & Rescue is in the process of applying a new grant. Yegge told everyone about the family who got

lost on Dog Valley road during the storm. There is now a sign on the Nevada side of Dog Valley Road informing people of their safety when taking this road during the winter.

Exercises, Trainings, Conferences- LeTina reminded everyone of the upcoming courses:

Incident Command System (ICS) 300 Course-Old Sierraville School March 21, 22. & 23, 2017

Free Community First Aid /CPR/AED classes are available-contact LeTina

Mental Health First Aid Course- June 28th in Loyalton

Bobby Yegge said that the ICS course is good to have as the Sherriff's office is now doing everything under ICS. S200 was requested by John Evans. LeTina is going to get back to him to see how Public Health funds could help.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32. Next meeting is April 25, 2017 in Downieville.