

**Merced County Health Care Consortium – Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2015 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Merced County Public Health Department - Auditorium, First Floor  
260 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95341

**Attendees:** Jill Viera, Donya Avila (Merced College); Isidro Ramirez, Juanita Castro, James Huizar (Sutter Health – Mobile Health); Kristi Olivares (ACRD), Jennifer Mockus (Alliance); Suzanne Jacoby, Griselda Villa, Mary-Michal Rawling (Golden Valley Health Centers); Marilyn Mochel (BHC Health Equity, NAMI); Ana Ibarra (Merced Sun Star); Brian Mimura, Karen Napoletano (The California Endowment); Karl Stalhut, Kathleen Grassi, Michael Johnson, Katy Oestman (Merced County Public Health); Nai Saechao, Candice Adam-Medefind (Healthy House); Stacie Bradford (BHC Intern); Javier Martinez (Le Grand High School); Michelle Cardona (Westside Healthcare Task Force/Center for Human Services); Joel Diring (Diring and Associates); Jackie Variosa, Erika Gomez, Karissa Moreno (Livingston Community Health); Manuel Alvarado (Sierra Health Foundation); Ryan Heller (Assembly Member Gray’s Office); Maeve Gannon and May Ly (Richard Heath and Associates/Covered California); Isai Palma (BHC/United Way); Sharon Oldcorn (Planned Parenthood Mar Monte); Veronica Chavez; Irene Miranda Henson (Mercy Medical Center – RHC)

**Welcome and Introductions** (Joel Diring, Diring and Associates, Facilitator; All)

**Health Innovations** (Kathleen Grassi, Merced County Department of Public Health)

- An overview of Consortium activities for 2015 was provided (*Attachment: Power Point*)
- **Action:** Let the Public Health Department know of any health innovations to showcase at Consortium meetings in 2015.

**Workforce Development**

- **Tri-City Medical Academies** (Javier Martinez, Principal, Le Grand Union High School)
  - An *Open Use Agreement* at the high school enables use of the school track and various exercise equipment after and during school hours by community members. Looking into weekend hours.
  - *Medical Academy*
    - 30 spots at the high school in the medical academy (last year there were 48 applicants)
    - BHC grant to University of California, San Francisco to work with Le Grand High School
    - Working with feeder elementary schools to start a Junior Medical Academy in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
    - Delhi is also running a Medical Academy and partnering with Golden Valley Health Center

**Action:** Job shadow hosts for medical academy students are needed. Contact Mr. Martinez
- **AB174 – University of California, Merced Medical School Planning** (Ryan Heller, California Assembly Member Adam Gray’s office)
  - Mr. Heller gave an update on the status of the bill that would provide Medical School planning funds.
  - **Action:** Letters of Support to the author of the bill are always welcomed.

**Health Care Coverage**

- **ACA Update** (Joel Diring, Diring and Associates)
  - Joel provided updates for Covered California and Medi-Cal enrollment. Status of SB4 (Lara) Health4All was also provided. (*Attachment: Power Point*)
- **Medi-Cal Enrollment Update** (Jennifer Mockus, Central California Alliance for Health)
  - 325,000 total enrollees in CCAH, 120,000 enrollees in Merced County (a 45% increase since December 2013)
- **AB82 – SB18** (Kathleen Grassi)
  - An RFP is currently out from the Public Health Department for subcontractors to conduct outreach, enrollment and retention efforts for Medi-Cal eligible persons.

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Meeting Notes

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- **Outreach & Education Sub-committee** (Katy Oestman, Merced County Department of Public Health)
  - The Outreach and Education Sub-committee is meeting on May 20, 2015 to undertake activities for 2015. Katy will send out meeting information.
  
- **Sutter Health Westside Mobile Medical Services** (Juanita Garza-Castro & Isidro Ramirez, Sutter Health)
  - Sutter Health is launching a new mobile medical clinic to serve 12 west side communities in Merced and Stanislaus Counties. Tentative launch date in August 2015. (*Attachment Power Point*)

**Action:** Sutter Health is looking for partners to conduct outreach/education at the mobile clinic sites. Contact Isidro Ramirez.

**Miscellaneous Updates**

- The Raising of America, a PBS Series on the social determinants of health, showing with discussion groups is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Contact Marilyn Mochel.
- Healthy House is hosting their annual Multicultural dinner at the Elks on May 16<sup>th</sup> and a Friendship and Reconciliation luncheon in Fresno on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Candice Adam-Medefind.

**Next Meeting: ~~June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015~~ July 23, 2015 at 11:30am-1:30pm**