

HEALTH LEADERSHIP NETWORK  
HEALTH POLICY CABINET MEETING  
Friday, February 5, 2010  
Family Resource Center, Kelseyville

In attendance: Debra Sommerfield, Lake County Administration, Deputy CAO; Gloria Flaherty, Lake Family Resource Center; April Cunningham, NCO Head Start, Food Program Coordinator; Stan Janiak, NCO Head Start Health Specialist; Kathy Harrison, Dept. of Social Services, Health Specialist; Karen Tait, Health Services Department, Health Officer; Tammi Silva, Sutter Lakeside Hospital, Director of Public Relations and SL Foundation; Denise Rushing, Board of Supervisors, District 3 Supervisor; Susan Jen and Jackie Armstrong, Health Leadership Network.

ENACT Review: Susan explained that the Prevention Institute's Environmental Nutrition and Activity Tool (ENACT) was the format selected by the California Endowment to measure progress during the term of HLN's grant. Partners who signed the grant's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) used ENACT to complete a baseline assessment about two years ago and then the status of selected priorities was updated about six months later. The ENACT Summary was emailed to partners with the agenda for this meeting so they could review the most recent status reported for their organization.

Status rating numbers were reviewed: 1 = Elements not in place; 2 = Few elements in place; 3 = Some elements are in place and well developed; 4 = Many elements are in place; 5 = Meets range of developmental needs. HPC members agreed with Karen's suggestion that 5 would indicate that written policies or procedures are in place as an indication of institutionalization and sustainability.

Susan explained that there was no requirement for partners to attain 5 in each priority but simply show improvement. Partners could also decide to take on issues in addition to nutrition and activity which was the original focus of the assessment. Nice added that priorities not previously selected could be added as well.

The following comments were made during a general discussion regarding the ENACT Summary:

- Tap water is healthier than bottled water and an Igloo full of water with reusable plastic cups is environmentally preferable.
- The difficulty in expanding the number of Farmers' Markets is that farmers do not have the staff to participate in multiple markets.
- Some farmers are in the process of developing EBT capability at Farmers' Markets. Providing incentives in the form of increased monthly allocations for fresh food purchases is being tested in larger markets.

Those present agreed on a February 19 deadline for providing status updates to Jackie. A one-week reminder will be sent out.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Those present agreed that Friday mornings worked well and established a meeting schedule of 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Lake Family Resource Center.

HPC INTERFACE WITH OTHER GROUPS: Nice explained that HPC, as a policy setting rather than work group, was intended to direct ideas to other groups. Susan added that HPC was also in a good position to receive information from other groups because many HPC members also attended the other groups' meetings. The idea would be to delegate the development and implementation of policies that influence population health to the appropriate group. As an example, Susan said that the Food Assessment identified the absence of a plan for distributing food in an emergency. The HPC may wish to contact the Office of Emergency Services (OES) or Operational Area Planning Committee (OAPC) to develop such a plan.

A review of other groups produced the following list:

- Health Leadership Network
- HLN Data Workgroup
- HLN Farm-to-School Workgroup
- HLN Advisory Committee
- Food Policy Council
- Area Agency on Aging
- Lake County Tribal Health
- Red Cross
- United Way
- Easter Seals
- Veteran's Affairs
- Mental Health Department
- L.E.A.D. Coalition
- IHSS Advisory Committee
- Childcare Planning Council
- Maternal Child Health Advisory
- The Blue Ribbon Commission
- First 5 Commission
- Children's Council
- Lake County Planning Commission
- Area Planning Council
- Latino Coalition
- Migrant Education
- North Coast Nutrition & Fitness Collaborative
- Network for a Healthy California
- Office of Emergency Services
- Operational Area Planning Committee
- Board of Supervisors

Nice suggested that HPC may wish to host a larger meeting once a year to facilitate the interface among these groups.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Karen reported that the University of Wisconsin received a grant from the Robert Wood's Foundation to rank every county in the United States according to weighted health factors including environmental, behaviors, access to health care, etc. She added that the report was expected to be published mid-February and that it would be interesting to compare the findings to state public health profiles.

Susan reported that she learned, during a Data Workgroup discussion, that data on living diabetics is not very reliable. The only hard data available is in mortality statistics. Gloria said that it was her impression

that asthma was occurring at a higher rate among young children while Karen thought the statistics were higher among adults. In response to April's question about nutrition education in schools, Susan responded that there is no policy relating to nutrition education currently in place.

Susan reported that the Food Summit, sponsored by HLN's CDFA grant, would take place at the Fairgrounds' Little Theater on Monday, March 15. She added that there would be an Iron Chef Cook-off with two panels of judges, one comprised of adults and another comprised of children.

Kathy provided copies of DSS policies relating to Workplace Lactation and Designated Smoking Areas.

It was decided that the updated ENACT priorities would be reviewed at the March meeting with cost factors in mind to determine how the HPC would proceed in identifying areas in need of policy development and implementation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.