



NORTH STATE TOGETHER
Advisory Board Meeting

March 12, 2018
10:00 am
Room 2314
Shasta College

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present					
X	Kevin O'Rorke	X	Donnell Ewert		Martie Hagarty
X	Kate Mahar	X	Hope Seth		Josh Smith
X	Sharon Strazzo		Nancy deHalas	X	Sarah Supahan
X	Kate Grissom	X	Kelly Salter		Lianne Richelieu-Boren
	Kathy Garcia	X	Kermith Walters		Scott Thompson
	Marion Hall		Sara Phillips		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin O'Rorke at 10:04 am. Sarah Supahan & Kermith Walters called in remotely.

II. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

Kermith moved to approve the minutes from the 2/12/2018 meeting as presented. Kate Grissom seconded. All approved and the minutes were approved as presented, with Kelly abstaining as she was not present at the meeting.

III. REPORTS

a. Budget Report

- i. The budget report is attached to the agenda. Kevin noted that we have been pretty frugal so far, but the upcoming Austin trip will obviously put a dent in the professional development fund.

b. Research Report

- i. This report was held off, as Kate and Sara were attending a Reach Higher Shasta High School Committee meeting, and were going to be late to this meeting.

c. County Reports

Expect More Tehama – Kate Grissom reported that they are focusing on Board Members as a stakeholder group and are listening to what they are asking for in terms of more resources. Last week they hosted 92 board members throughout the county for a Board Member Appreciation Dinner. School safety was a hot topic, and they had the Corning Union Elementary School District Superintendent, Rick Fitzpatrick, speak about the experience at the Rancho Tehama school shooting last November, and the actions schools can take now to be prepared for a school shooting situation. He listed action items and challenged board members to go back to their boards and make sure a safety plan is in place. There was also a lot of conversation around trauma informed practices, including what kind of trainings they can put in place for teachers. Kate noted that two *other* leadership team members completely ran the event, which is a reflection on the work that has been done in the past year to support that structure. They are working on their website as it is currently outdated. Kate noted that they are taking a group to Austin – Kate and Kathy will be going with NST, and they are also sending four other team members. Kate is working with the Corning Promise Neighborhood, which is addressing issues of trauma both with students and teachers that create the classroom dynamic. In April they are bringing public health, social workers, administrators and principals together to share best practices, self-care tips, and general conversations about trauma informed care.

Reach Higher Shasta – Donnell reported that they had their monthly meeting and Tim Johnston from Shasta College has joined as a new member, replacing Eva Jimenez. The High School Committee is applying for a new grant with the Gates Foundation for additional counselors to help with the 8th grade to 9th grade transition. They are still working on their first College and Career Signing Day event. It will be held at the Cascade Theatre on May 16. Jim Clooney will be choosing the students to be

recognized. Kelly suggested potentially looking at including Shasta College students that are transferring to continue their education, and Hope and Donnell agreed this would be a great idea for the future. They like the idea of a Regional Higher Ed Committee, but they want to make sure that it doesn't put their students at a disadvantage, as they have the Shasta Promise already set up. Kevin noted that the idea is to extend the promise idea to other counties, thereby expanding the opportunities, not decreasing them. Donnell would also like to support the Data Committee, and is working on deciding who to recruit for that. Donnell asked if all of the counties are using the Kindergarten Readiness tool. Kelly noted that there is limited use in Modoc & Trinity, and Kate G. noted that it is not currently being used in Tehama. The implementation has been spotty for multiple reasons, but Shasta County is looking to improve implementation of the software and they are ensuring that there won't be a lapse in service with the software in the fall when the developer goes out of business. Sara and Kate will be present at their upcoming retreat (March 23) to share data initiatives with the entire group. Two initiatives are coming together to map out reading initiatives and the YMCA is coming in with help on the "Summer Slide," and they are working on getting this information into the hands of parents.

Siskiyou Occupational Advancement Roadmap – Kermith reported that there was not a lot of change, but they are continuing their path forward. The SOAR group continues to meet and they are intertwining all of this with their career tech group up there. Kevin apologized that he was unable to make it up for a potential meeting last month, but Kermith will get additional dates to Kevin to get up to Siskiyou County.

Trinity Together: Cradle to Career Partnership – Sarah noted that they put out an RFP for a coordinator in the newspaper, allowing for both transparency as well as information. Their coordinator will be operated out of the Watershed Training Center in Hayfork. They are doing work there that already coordinates with the position. They already have businesses interested in partnering with them, in large part because they have a concern about the number of applicants for positions for their jobs. They are holding a logo contest with students. At their last meeting, they threw out images of what they see their mission is in order to provide parameters for the contest. Some of their concerns are basic job skills training such as how to do an interview, how to dress for work, create resumes, etc. Also the idea of internships is really big in the county. There continue to be a lot of interested entities. They are also looking at trauma and how to do parenting training with basic parenting support.

North State Together – Kevin shared that there is a new funding formula for the California Community College system. Typically, funding comes from the number of students enrolled at census date. The new Chancellor is redoing the funding formula and there will be a lot of discussion taking place. It will be a mix of FTES, how many students the college serves that are economically disadvantaged, and success rates. This will be a huge change for the 2 million students and 113 community colleges. Kevin also noted that community colleges are focusing on guided pathways. In the past, community colleges have always been open for exploration, but they are trying to be more intentional with focusing on goals, and moving students toward a career or degree path. While still allowing for some flexibility, the pathways provide a more specific path to take. The Shasta Promise has been set up and launched. While it excludes out of state and international students, it will include AB540 students. Kate M. noted that it is thanks to the work we have done here that allowed us to jump into the promise, because part of the parameters are partnerships with K-12 & multiple measures. College of the Siskiyous has also set up a partnership with Trinity and Modoc, so we are set up in all 5 counties. Kelly suggested taking a step back to look at all the promises available in order to see how we market and communicate this to parents and the public, in order to avoid confusion. It might be a worthwhile endeavor to have the Regional Higher Ed Committee review the various agreements, perhaps creating one promise so that students can look at one place for potential options. After we “clean up” the promise we could look at relaunching it to our stakeholders. Sara mentioned that Modoc had a good neighbor agreement with University of Nevada, Reno.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. **County Funding Schedule** - Kevin shared that the team had a great meeting with Sarah and some of her team in Trinity County, as well as an email conversation with Josh Smith at the Watershed Training Center about what the funding model looks like. The grant NST wrote allows for some flexibility as far as carryover goes, and nothing says you have to spend all of that money within 3 years. The counties have already been bringing in matching funds faster than anticipated. When we look at the funds we have now, for 17/18, each county can be funded up to 75k. For 18/19 they have the funds for the same thing to happen. For 19/20 it becomes a little more complicated. A majority of funds will be there but there might need to be some creativity from where we have allotted funds for professional development, etc. When hiring for positions, people will want to know how long they will be funded for – this is where you are able to save funds to rollover funding for that position. There might be an opportunity to save a bit for a rainy day fund. NST is going to do everything they can to make sure there is full funding for the third year.

- b. **Economic Forecast Conference** – Kevin noted that the stipend paid to Dr. Eyer, the forensic economist who spoke at the Expect More Tehama event as well as the North State Economic Forecast conference was only \$1,500 and room and board (for the EMT event). He is committed elsewhere on the day of the NST summit (May 4); however, Kate G. noted that he will be returning to the Tehama Summit in November, and there's the potential to organize something for all of the counties around that. Kevin and Kelly will look at partnering with EWD and the Chamber of Commerce on this.

- c. **Complete College America** – Kate M. shared that CCA started 10 years ago, and is heavily funded by the Gates and Lumina Foundations. It is simply focused on college completion. They partner with states throughout the nation, but have struggled to connect with California in the past. They use 5 “Game-Changer” action items: 15 to Finish, Math Pathways, Corequisite Support, Momentum Year and Academic Maps with Proactive Advising. They have reached out to four regions in California, including us, to ask if we would like to become a formal partner. They will help us look at policies, provide support, research, etc. Kate spoke with leadership at both the College of the Siskiyous and Shasta College, and they are interested. Kate confirmed that there is no cost to join. The group would need to decide if NST wants to formally partner with this group. Everyone agreed to discuss it with their respective groups and report back next month.

- d. **NST Spring Summit** - The date is set for Friday, May 4. We have secured the McConnell Foundation for the meeting and they have graciously agreed to provide the food. Sharon would like to get some ideas on agenda items. Kate G. mentioned that EMT is really curious to learn best practices from other counties. They would love the idea of each county having a templated presentation to bring forward to see what ideas could be duplicated in other counties easily. Kevin wants to carve out time to share how the NST story evolved to help give structure to talking points. NST is difficult to explain, but Kevin could speak to the culture and nature of the collaborative. Kelly would love to see a section on data and the question of what that structure, collection model, time frame, etc. looks like. Sara has been looking at the Boston Opportunity Agenda and their report card and how they lay out their data points and indicators, etc. They always connect it back to “why it matters” – which seems like a great idea.

- e. **2018 Collective Impact Convening** – Sharon noted that we have 11 attendees registered, but are still waiting to confirm the additional Tehama participants. Everyone should have gotten their flights and hotel reservations made by now.

v. **OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Planning Committee for the Spring Summit is meeting directly after this meeting.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am

VII. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 10:00 am, Shasta College - 2314**

Recorded by:

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