



NORTH STATE TOGETHER Advisory Board Meeting

May 13, 2019
10:00 am
Room 2314
Shasta College

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present					
X	Kevin O'Rorke	X	Hope Seth		Sarah Rayburn
X	Kate Mahar		Wendy Dickens		Kelly Salter
	Jamie Spielmann	X	Ann Schulte	X	Lianne Richelieu-Boren
	Allie Hancock	X	Cliff Curry	X	Jason Schwenkler
X	Sharon Strazzo		Kermith Walters	X	Christina Van Alfen
X	Anna Carson		Marion Murphy-Shaw		
X	Teckla Johnson		Marian Hall		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin O'Rorke at 10:00 am. Kate, Teckla, Anna, Ann, Christina, Jason and Lianne joined the meeting remotely. Kevin noted that historically, this time of year is a busy one for our members, and was thankful for everyone's participation.

- II. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES** – It was determined that we had a quorum. Sharon made a motion and Kate seconded to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 and March 11, 2019 meetings. All approved. Kevin reiterated the importance of these meeting minutes, and thanked everyone for taking the time to read and review them.

III. REPORTS

- a. **Budget Report** – Kevin explained that the budget was steady.
- b. **Research Report** - Kevin shared that Jamie and Allie were in Chicago at the Collective Impact Conference, and while Jamie had a report, he will have her share the details at the next meeting.

c. **County Reports**

- i. **Trinity Together: Cradle to Career Partnership** – Anna shared that they partnered with Weaverville Elementary for their Earth Day, turning it into an Earth, Environmental Sciences and Career Day. They brought in various community members, including the Forest Service, the Yurok Tribe, fisheries biologists, backyard homesteaders, bee keepers, and business owners - all of whom provided really interesting lessons and information. This was attended by about 400 TK-6th grade students, and was a really fun partnership between TTCCP and Weaverville Elementary. Kevin asked them to share pictures, and asked all of the counties to share pictures of any of their events/activities, as this will be helpful for us to include in the grant renewal.

Ann noted that Junction City Elementary received a place based grant from the Rural Schools Collaborative. She and Gary, the director of the Rural Schools Collaborative, have been speaking about focusing the work and adding a component of action research. Sharon noted that the place based grant stories have been posted on the NST Facebook page.

- ii. **Chico State University** – Ann announced that she had just accepted the position of Director of Civic Engagement, and will still be point for rural partnerships, hoping to conceptualize how the rural piece will be part of the broader piece of civic engagement. She hopes to address civic engagement regionally as well as locally.

Kevin congratulated Jason on the recent Economic Forecast Conference, which was another successful event. Dr. Eyler spoke about the effects of the fires for the region's economy and housing market, among other things. Jason noted that it was another sold out event, and included many staff members, which was helpful as they are the people in the trenches. They will begin planning the Fall Summit, and then will have the 2020 Economic Forecast Conference back at the Sheraton in Redding. The housing crisis in Butte County (due to the fires) could affect housing opportunities in other areas (i.e., Tehama County). Planning will be crucial.

- iii. **Kate's update** – Kate shared that they are wrapping up with their schools, and are having great conversations about Guided Pathways and College Promise Programs, hoping to help students on their way through the post-secondary

process. She and Kevin recently went to Detroit for the Lumina event, with Zack (from the Siskiyou team), and had an opportunity to explore ways to better engage with the tribal communities.

- iv. **College Options** – Lianne shared that last Friday College Options had a record breaking Kinder College day on the Simpson Campus, with over 1450 students attending and 60 career presenters, sharing information about everything from firefighting to chemistry. She shared that they would love to include students from the other counties at this event in the future.

They have also been putting on 8th Grade Parent Nights throughout the region. She recently attended these events in both Weaverville and Modoc, with great parent turnout at both. It is exciting to see the parent involvement in our rural communities.

They have been approached by CSAC to write a 5 county collaborative CALSO grant, which is a college access/outreach services grant. The due date for the grant is in September. This would be very helpful for the region, and would provide about \$2.5 million in funding.

- v. **Reach Higher Shasta** – Hope announced that the College and Career Signing Day is this Thursday, at 4:00 pm at the Cascade Theater. They will be recognizing at least 76 students from Shasta County, highlighting what they plan to do next, whether it be college, a career/technical field, the military, etc. The focus is on all career options. The press has been covering this event more fully this year, and REU has provided five \$500.00 scholarships, which will be given out at random to the students who attend.
- vi. **Expect More Tehama** – Cliff noted that there was growing energy around the 0-4 area, with conversations about ways to determine better transitions into school, as well as assessing both social/emotional and academic areas. There is some good energy for the agencies that work in that area right now.

Summer is coming up, with camps and the summer activities list to come out soon (a comprehensive list of summer activities).

IV. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **NST Summit Debrief** - Kevin asked for feedback from everyone regarding the summit. Teckla felt it was really pertinent information, and appreciated the way the workshops were set up, allowing for a lot of learning. They feel they can use the information provided, and especially appreciated the information on engaging the community, which is so crucial to our work. It was really timely, and provided applicable skills. Kevin thanked Kate Mahar again for bringing Jack, John and Amber out to work with us (for free, thanks to Lumina!). Kate noted that we are now part of the Lumina Community Network, which is ongoing and will allow us to continue to partake of this type of technical assistance. Kevin also encouraged everyone to complete the evaluations from the Summit, if they haven't done so already.
- b. **KRS** – Kevin noted that we are continuing to work with the app developers and the app is back up and running. He emphasized that the focus isn't just on the specific tool, but is an overall commitment to the importance of Kindergarten Readiness, and helping the counties with whatever work they are doing in this area. We will be putting some financial backing into developing this - not from the NST grant, but we have moved the program from First Five Shasta, and are opening it up to the other counties. All of the iPads, etc. have been moved here, and we are hoping to push out iPads to the various interested counties. Our future plans include integrating this into a web-based platform, as well as taking a look at existing assessments counties are using right now, and possibly merging them, allowing us to compare data regionally. It won't be done overnight, but this summer we hope to get it ready to go for the fall. Anna asked about opportunities for practice/training. Kevin noted that there isn't a timeline yet, but we will definitely have an opportunity for training. At this point we are figuring out the personnel needs, and will make sure everyone is trained and ready to go.

- V. **OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – After discussion it was decided that the June meeting would be canceled, with our next meeting in August. The date and time of that meeting will be sent out well in advance.

- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned by Kevin O'Rorke at 11:30 am.

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