



NORTH STATE TOGETHER
Advisory Board Meeting

October 28, 2019
10:00 am
The McConnell Foundation

MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present					
X	Kevin O’Rorke	X	Hope Seth	X	Tanja Ramming
	Kate Mahar		Wendy Dickens	X	Kelly Salter
X	Jamie Spielmann	X	Kate Grissom	X	Lianne Richelieu-Boren
X	Susan Schroth		Kathy Garcia		Jason Schwenkler
X	Sara Supahan	X	Kermith Walters		Christina Van Alfen
	Anna Carson	X	Marian 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.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – Kevin welcomed everyone to the celebration of NST 2.0! We took the opportunity to go around the room and have introductions. James Crandall has joined the NST backbone team with expertise in data management, which will help to meet the ongoing request from the counties for more data.

III. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES – Jamie made a motion and Hope seconded to approve the minutes from September 9, 2019. Approved with the correction to the spelling of Marian Murphy-Shaw’s name.

IV. BYLAWS – The bylaws were presented for annual review. A discussion about how many voting members, per county, resulted in the shared agreement that only one voting member per county is needed. This change will be reflected in the Bylaws and presented at the next Advisory meeting for approval.

V. REPORTS

a. County Reports

- i. **Expect More Tehama** – Kate Grissom invited all to attend their Expect More Tehama Summit on November 20th at the State Theatre in downtown Red Bluff with open registration via Eventbrite. Kate is excited about the venue change and the capacity for more participants. The format allows for morning speakers with a deeper dive during the afternoon sessions.
- ii. **Reach Higher Shasta** – Hope Seth shared the great progress involved in career connections. She convened 17 organizations (e.g. SMART center, Shasta College CTE programs, EDD, Builder’s Exchange) who engage with ages 15 – 25 in the workforce, in order to collaborate and determine overlaps and set goals for the future. A great idea that has emerged is a county-wide youth career expo.
- iii. **Advancing Modoc Youth** – Tanja shared two stories of high school students engaged in their internship program and the life-changing importance of engaging our youth. Through these personal accounts, Tanja highlighted that internships are much more than deciding on career options, in the AMY model it goes beyond to meet the socio-emotional needs of their students. Mission statement is done and with more data points, positive things are happening.
- iv. **Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou** – Kermith shared that November 6th is their CTE/Business/Industry night. This a culmination of the SOAR project involving the career piece of the cradle to career pipeline. SOAR and C2C4S have started a collaborative relationship. In addition, the relationship with College of the Siskiyou is improving. Siskiyou County is grateful for their partnerships with both the Ford Family Foundation as well as The McConnell Foundation. Kermith is excited about the future of Siskiyou County. Marian shared that at the last C2C4S meeting they had SOAR in attendance. They now have a data hub for accessing data, internship data sharing and to help with things like writing grants. C2C4S now is getting regular meetings on the calendar in advance. November 15th is North State STEM career day and all employers are invited to be present. This is a key component to their career piece of cradle to career.

- v. **Trinity Together Cradle to Career Partnership** – Teckla reported that her and Anna would be attending an upcoming workshop on community-wide organizing. They would then be presenting to educators. Teckla mentioned that implementing the county-wide curriculum has been a lot more difficult than she imagined it would be.
 - vi. **College Options** – Lianne shared a Professional Development opportunity on Wednesday at SCOE/Innsbrook that provides local training with CSU transfer & UC representatives.
 - vii. **Philanthropic Funding** - Kevin asked Kelly to share the philosophy behind philanthropic funding. Kelly shared that generally speaking, most foundations prefer funding projects that have other funders interested. With multiple funders, it demonstrates to the foundation both sustainability and greater community buy-in. Foundations generally are looking for regional projects with community buy-in and a lot more collaboration. For example: In Siskiyou County, The McConnell Foundation collaborates with the Ford Family Foundation. Additionally, government funding looks favorably on matching funds from philanthropy. If you have contacts with other philanthropic organizations, pass that along to Kevin or Kelly.
 - viii. **Chico** – Jason was not able to call in, but Kevin shared that on January 9th the 2020 Economic Summit is at the Sheraton Hotel in Redding. An invite will be sent out again. Kevin also shared that the President of Chico State is very engaged and supportive of rural education. Kevin is very impressed with President Hutchinson and her support of our efforts. NST has a lot of opportunity to get involved with shared goals.
 - ix. **Kate's Update** – Kate was unable to attend, but Kevin shared how she continues to do great work with the Chancellor's Office. Kate's work with the Lumina Foundation continues to shine and NST was recently featured in the Lumina magazine. Everyone has a copy of the magazine to take home.
- b. **Research Update** - Jamie gave an update on National Student Clearinghouse. NST will obtain county level aggregate reports. There is still time to upload data and if you need help contact Jamie. Reports should be available end of December/beginning of January.

VI. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Meeting Frequency:** Discussed was the possibility of having the Advisory Board meet every other month. The Coordinators have the option to meeting during the interim months. This will be further discussed at the next advisory meeting.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned by Kevin O'Rorke at 11:04 am.