



NORTH STATE TOGETHER
Advisory Board Meeting
 February 8, 2021
 10:00 am
 Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES

Advisory Board Members Present					
X	Kevin O'Rorke/NST	X	Brianna O'Leary/RHS		Marian Hall/AMY
X	James Crandall/NST	X	Brad Williams/RHS	X	Tanja Ramming/AMY
X	Jamie Spielmann/NST	X	Kate Grissom/EMT	X	Kelly Salter/TMF
X	Susan Schroth/NST	X	Kathy Garcia/EMT		Lianne Richelieu-Boren/CO
	Anna Carson/TTCCP	X	Marian Murphy-Shaw/C2C4S		Jason Schwenkler/CSU Chico
X	Teckla Johnson/TTCCP	X	Jean Trevisan/C2C4S	X	Kate Mahar/Dean of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives/Director of Lumina Talent Hub/SCALE
		X	Christina Van Alfen/C2C4S		

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Kevin at 10:00 am.
2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone shared favorite mugs and Kevin thanked EMT for being our virtual host.
3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES – Christina made a motion and Brianna seconded to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting. Approved.
4. PRESENTATIONS - UMOJA/ALLIANCE PROJECT – Kevin introduced Jerry Brown, Interim Director of Umoja and Community Outreach. Kevin provided background on the Umoja program at Shasta College and how the program is expanding into The Alliance Project. Umoja will continue to focus on students and The Alliance Project will focus outward to the communities. Kevin requested that the Advisory Board consent to bringing Umoja and The Alliance Project under the umbrella of North State Together. Similar to how the NST backbone team manages Kindergarten Readiness, we would add Umoja and The Alliance Project. Jerry offered to join a future NSTAB meeting to provide a more in depth presentation of the programs. Kevin shared that he already presented this to The McConnell

Foundation and they are supportive. Teckla asked if financial support would be provided or is it just aligning the work with North State Together? Kevin responded that there is no financial support, but it would better align our equity efforts and with Jerry's community outreach, it provides him an opportunity to share with the community the ongoing work of each county network. Brianna asked about the name change from Umoja to The Alliance Project. Kevin shared that Umoja is a Community College based student program and has restrictions. With the outward focus on the community, the name selected is The Alliance Project. The downtown building, called the Community Leadership Center, opens in two years. Brianna's follow-up question is whether Umoja would still have a presence at Shasta College. Yes, Kevin explained that Jerry will have a full staff at Shasta College for Umoja and will go back and forth between the college and the Community Leadership Center. There were no further questions and NSTAB is supportive of the expansion.

5. REPORTS

A. County Collaborative Updates:

- i) Expect More Tehama – Kathy shared that due to COVID, EMT adjusted from an in person summit to a series of 6 monthly workshops. The first workshop focused on the healing of the adult population in Tehama county. Kathy invited Scott Winters and Damon Valentino to present the first EMT workshop because of their work with adult wellness. Scott and Damon shared their work history and how the 30-day flow challenge helps to take care of the nervous system of the body so we can better handle the stressors. They shared the website where teams and individuals are monitored during the flow challenge. Community is being built within the platform with sharing of inspirational quotes and focused themes. Teams gain points for actionable items. Damon shared that data is showing that people are finding small wins, like starting each day with a moment of gratitude. Scott and Damon have seen empathy, understanding and connection over the past several months doing this work. Kathy shared that community members have been very open and sharing, even with very personal things. Scott shared that they are helping people to struggle more effectively and recover more efficiently. Damon shared more about balance between heart and head. Kathy shared that high school students are participating in Flow Challenge in Tehama. Kate shared that with the flow challenge EMT has reached a wider participation group, including business leaders, entrepreneurs and high school students who now better understand EMT! Next workshop is Wednesday and focuses on Equity 101 with Jack Hess from Civic Labs, joined by Red Bluff High School Superintendent and Red Bluff Alums for Justice.
- ii) Trinity Together – Teckla and Anna have prepared five classroom lessons in preparation for substituting at schools. They recently visited remote Southern Trinity (farthest from them, almost in Humboldt County) and delivered a lesson. They will return to deliver sub-lessons. Material includes: assessments, career identification/exploration and a financial piece. They

hope to return at the end of May to organize a career day based around the recent wildfire: emergency services, technology during wildfire, biology/restoration, heavy equip, logging opportunities. Teckla shared that they have many projects happening right now and are staying very busy, but the work with Southern Trinity is most recent.

- iii) Advancing Modoc Youth – Tanja shared that she recently met Luann Peitz through Trinity Together’s focus group. Luann is getting her Master’s Degree and is a native of Trinity County. As part of her Master’s program she was conducting focus groups with high school students. Luane is now compiling data and Tanja plans to connect back with her. This is important work with emphasis on how do you engage students in community? It all ties back to 13 ways to ruin a community; one way is by not involving youth. Tanja hopes that Modoc data can tie to Trinity data and the youth can further connect across counties. The theme that keeps coming back for Tanja is that rural places push out youth (have to leave to be successful). With the Child Savings Grant every baby born to a Modoc mother will have \$500 in an account for college, kindergartners and students earn more college money and it is tied to school attendance. Tanja is trying to create pathways locally so that youth don’t have to leave. Pandemic has improved online access to educational classes for Modoc Youth; used to be limited number of online college classes, now there are many more! Two pathways that Tanja is working on include Medical Pathways, like a Nursing apprenticeship. Tanja spoke with Tracy Holt at Nortec and felt that the Nursing apprenticeship can be a big goal, but maybe start with CNA, MA or Phlebotomy and that Butte County Office Ed has the curriculum. Tanja would like to work with any county who is interested in partnering (possibly sharing the cost of an instructor, etc.). Infrastructure needs in Surprise Valley – pavilion in the park; zoom cafeteria, etc is this in Tanja’s wheelhouse? Teckla felt that there is a connection to her work because a strong community is the foundation for everything you do. Teckla also mentioned that in Siskiyou they have a Grange chapter that is successful and brings younger members in; maybe Modoc has one that can partner in building community infrastructure. Tanja doesn’t think there is a Grange in Modoc, but will look into it. Kathy shared that EMT started with an Economic Development project and finding ways to make our kids want to stay in Tehama. Tanja complimented how EMT is connecting with many adults and building community. Kate shared how RHS ties to public health and how healthy spaces leads to engagement which leads to educational outcomes. Tanja is encouraged that all the work ties together. Even the idea of a community pool; especially with geo-thermal resources in Modoc. Teckla also shared that a livable community is more than schools, but all the other supporting elements, like parks, pools, basketball courts. Making Surprise Valley a Zoom Town is another suggestion. Tanja thanked everyone for their suggestions and guidance.

- iv) College to Careers for Siskiyou – Christina shared that they have been focused on Career Exploration and Work-based Learning. Developing internships and work-placed learning systems at the K-12 and Community College to benefit students. Also, implementing JobSpeaker through local community-based organization with hopes that the Community College will also implement JobSpeaker at some point. College recently hired a new Business faculty member. She agreed with Tanja that it is hard to hire faculty, because at the Community College we cannot compete with the industry salaries. Hiring nursing faculty is very difficult. Christina is excited about the Business and Computer Science pathways for students. Hoping to continue to grow programs that will benefit our rural communities. Marian shared they continue to commit to STEM and STEAM opportunities for youth in Siskiyou County. The Computer Science Advisory group includes the College, community, Siskiyou Works, SWF and schools continues to build pathways and learning progression in Computer Science areas. Exceeded expectation for teachers who enrolled in Cohort 1 this summer which is early grades thru high school in Intro to computer science. Tanja is on the cohort list and is very excited! Grant includes Modoc and Siskiyou; however, the workshops are open to all teachers in the Northstate and Marian will keep the County Office of Ed's informed. Marian screen shared the gsk summer camp "Be a Chemist!" grant that Marie Caldwell received for Siskiyou children entering 2nd – 6th! They promoted Siskiyou as rural and underserved and only about a dozen grantees in the country received the grant valued around \$50K for 2 years (Marian will get the dollar figure to Kelly). Grant promotes how to facilitate Chemistry for non-profits, like Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, etc. Also, C2CS4 will be the new fiscal sponsor for the Siskiyou Science Festival.
- v) Reach Higher Shasta – Brad Williams is the RHS Chair for 2021. In December, RHS sent their first quarterly newsletter. January was the start of California Literacy Leadership Project (CLLP); RHS contributes to the cost of training that was spread out over 5 virtual days. 36 teachers across districts participated with the goal to train all new K-3 teachers. Secondary Committee (Middle and High School Administrators and Counselors) met in January and looked at effective relationship building tools between teachers and students. And discussed how through the counseling initiative, they will work with a select group of freshman students who received 1 -3 F's this past semester. Rising Hope curriculum will be used to help these students. Jamie shared college enrollment numbers with secondary committee. Becky Love was named the school advocate of the year! Becky is helping counselors with to develop a single sheet of data, that highlights the work of school counselors (identify high risk students, home issues, mental health issues, etc). The data will help schools know what they need to focus on in real time. At the Executive Committee level, looking to expand their career exploration reach. Dan Haskins from College Options shared the YouScience assessment for High Schools. Also, setting up a meeting with Shasta College on JobSpeaker and how

RHS can partner. Looking forward, RHS is planning in May the College and Career Signing Day to celebrate students going to college, technical pathway and/or career after high school. Brad is the chair of that committee. Also, planning a Community Partner Assembly that will be virtual – inviting community members to learn more about RHS and an opportunity to share successes.

B. Other Updates –

- i)** The McConnell Foundation – Kelly shared that the Foundation has a new Board member, Eva Jimenez who is starting in February. Kelly expressed gratitude for the fabulous progress reports. She is summarizing the data to share with her board and is thrilled with the level of detail.
- ii)** College Options – LiAnne was unable to join today's meeting
- iii)** CSU Chico- Jason was unable to join today's meeting
- iv)** SCAILE: Kate shared that they are working on filling the niche between policy and practice. Also, working on adult re-engagement, including students who are also parents. Kate is excited to work with each county on adult re-engagement. This is the last year of the Lumina Project and Kate is so appreciative of the technical help they provided, like working with Jack and John. Good news, as a way for Lumina to sustain the work of the Talent Hub, they are taking all of the talent hubs and placing them under Civic Labs. Dakota is also moving from Lumina to Civic Labs.

C. Jamie's Planning and Development Update – Jamie also shared that she is highly impressed with the progress reports. She and James are working on updates to the NST website to include detailed progress report narratives from each county. Constant Contact gives data on who is looking at our marketing. We have potential funders viewing items and NST would like to share more details about the County level work on the website. This is another way for NST to brag about the work that you all are doing. Kelly further shared that in the progress reports if you share information about grants, please provide as much detail as possible, like dollar amounts or technical assistance. Also, include areas of struggle so organizations that are awarding grants can see where the financial support will most benefit the county.

D. Susan – Tanja asked about photo releases. NST will provide photo release forms and counties can obtain signatures for any photos used in marketing county level work.

E. James Data Update – Data updates will be in the next newsletter.

F. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by Kevin O'Rorke at 11:38 AM.