

Community Support Network of Nevada County

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Meeting Notes

October 3rd, 2012 at the Madelyn Helling Library's Community Room

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3:15-3:30 **Greet Incoming Partners/Open Networking** – CSN Coordinator, Paula Roediger. Members may put announcements to share on the back table.

Those present: Donna Davis, PEO; Lindy Beatie and Lori Burkhart Frank, Rotary; Sharon O'Hara, Soroptimists/AAUW; Alan Archer, GCLions; Kris Welch & Karen Poskus, Kiwanis; Bill Stewart, BPOE; Lynton Daniel, Frank Edwards & George Harper, Shriners; Jordan Horowitz, Masons, Charlie Babiarez, Knights of Columbus; Guinevere Ewing, PLEAG; Susan Leksander, Sierra Forever Families; Lynn Skrudrud & Halli Ellis, NEO; Nicola Murphy & Heather Carver, One Stop; Charleen DeWitt, CAPC; Ned Russell, Got 40?; Monica L'Etorle, CANC; Michelle Goodwin, EMQFF; Greg Zaller & Barbara Franklin, Coliving Network; Patricia Gore, Child Support Svcs; Dolores Davis & Robert Krueger, HCA; Lindsay Duncel, First 5; Melissa Marcum, NCSoS; Anastacia Knight & Laura Harter, CANC; Lael Walz, EMQFF; Chris Roberts & Janet Horowitz, GVSD; Kathrun Lucas, EA Foster Care; Ariel Lovett, CoRR; Bryan Levenson, 211 Nevada County; Kristen McGrew, SSHS; Corrine Jones, Hospitality House; Angie Acosta, CPS; Julie Choquette, REACH Counseling, Kat Healy, community member

3:30-3:35 **Welcome and Introductions** – Rachel Pena Roos, Victor Support Services

3:35-3:40 **Meeting Notes** - Approved September notes. All in favor.

3:40-3:45 **Network Moments** – Ned Russell of Got 40? presented the core principals of 40 Assets:

For a youth, a positive relationship exists when he or she trusts and feels safe with and comfortable seeking advice from another person, school, neighborhood, or community.

- It is built with consistently kind and respectful words, more praise and less criticism, listening, and time.
- It's as important with extended family, neighbors, school, and community as with family.
- If parents have not experienced positive relationships as children, they will have a difficult time building them with their own children. How can we help these kids?

Can anyone, youth or adult, be happy without positive relationships in their life?

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3:45-4:35 **Meeting Focus - Service Organizations: Enhancing our Community** - Members spoke to CSN partner on behalf of their organizations:

- Grass Valley Rotary and 49er Breakfast Rotary, Lindy Beatie. There are 5 rotary clubs in Western Nevada County. Venue for people in the business community. 30-90 members in each club. Motto: "Service Above Self." 5 avenues of service: 1) fellowship in the club, 2) community service, 3) vocational, 4) international projects (i.e. eradication of polio.) 5) New Generations/Youth Services. There is an Interract Club at NUHS. Rotoract program for young adults and a Rotary Youth Exchange. For more information: director@bigsofnc.org.
- Grass Valley Rotary, Lori Burkhart Frank. They have donation committees which help with community needs. Spaghetti feed fundraiser. Bob Long is Chairman of the community service division of Grass Valley Rotary. For more information: lorilifecoach@sbcglobal.net.
- Shriners, Lynton Daniel. There are over 2000 chapters in the U.S. Since 1922 they have worked to build hospital networks. International organization. They have helped 1.2 million children since 1922. Over 60 thousand children have been helped at their Sacramento hospital since 1996. They work a great deal through school nurses. They focus on injuries of: bones; burns; spinal cord injuries; plastic reconstruction surgery. Shriners is part of the Masonic family. For more information: daniel_padgett_twins@yahoo.com.
- PEO (Philanthropic and Educational Organization,) Donna Davis. Started in 1869. They raise money for women's education. Over 500 chapters in California, including 2 local chapters in Nevada County. They have 6 international projects they raise money for. PEO offers scholarships, grants and loans to women, all stages in their educational goals, going to school. The Star Scholarship, one of the six international projects, is the one for high school seniors that will be attending college. They own Cottey College in Missouri and it is funded completely by funds raised. An all-girls school. Debt-free college. See: www.cottey.edu. Contact Donna at peosisterpp@gmail.com.
- Grass Valley Soroptimists, Sharon O'Hara and Sharyn Turner. Members come from a wide variety of backgrounds. They focus on women and girls. Soroptimists began in Oakland, CA. They have various projects and awards. KARE Crisis Nursery was started by Grass Valley Soroptimists. Empowerment of women and girls, with a focus on education and diversity. They have a Teriyaki Chicken Bowl booth at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Their event, The Day for Women, will happen on April 5, 2014. Soroptimists exist for the betterment of women and children. The Grass Valley branch meets 7-8am on Thursdays at Humpty Dumpty Restaurant. They hold a popular, yearly Garden Tour fundraiser. All funds go back into the community.

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Emphasis on children and young girls. Sharyn Turner then showed a PSA video. There are scholarships for women reentering the workplace and community awards. For more information: <http://www.sigv.org/>.

- AAUW (American Association of University Women,) Sharon O'Hara. A community dealing with educational barriers for girls. Founded in 1881. AAUW is a national organization which began a Nevada County branch in 1937. Many of AAUW's research projects center on bullying, sex trafficking and gender equity issues. They offer scholarships. They have a STEM-focused Tech Trek program each summer for girls beginning 8th grade. AAUW members join interest groups, of which the Great Decisions program is one. On October 13, the Unique Women event, "Suffragists to Flappers" will be held at the North Star House. For more information: nevadacounty-ca.aauw.net.
- Gold Country Lions of Grass Valley, Alan Archer. LOP and North San Juan chapters locally. Formed in early 1900s. Helen Keller requested they focus on sight and hearing issues. They provide eye exams and glasses. They help in the raising of guide dog puppies. They donate eyeglasses to organizations. Internationally, they focus on disasters. Carmel corn booth at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. They partner with local BSA Troop 855. Motorcycle Poker Run fundraiser: 90 miles in May. A few inmates at Folsom Prison convert text and graphics to braille. For more information: facebook.com/pages/Gold-Country-Lions-Club/.
- Knights of Columbus, Charlie Babiartz. Started in 1882 because life expectancy was low. They began to provide and support widows and children. Fundraising and support networks across the country. They focus on charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Food booth at the Nevada County Fairgrounds supports St. Canice, St. Patrick's, Mount St. Mary's School, Livingwell Clinic and Thrift Store. For more information see kofc.org and kofc1875.org.
- Kiwanis, Kris Welch. Global organization of volunteers. They've focused on improving the lives of children since 1915. 8,400 clubs in 96 countries. They offer Key Clubs at Bear River, Nevada Union, Bitney Springs and Ghidotti High Schools, as they are very involved with Kiwanis service projects and members receive scholarships. The Eliminate project focuses on eradicating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Locally, they operate the Kiwanis Family House which helps families with children at UCD medical center as well as Shriners. Over 13,000 families from all over the world have stayed there while their children are being treated. Their booth at the Nevada County Fairgrounds provides for fundraising. Kiwanis provide the yearly K Mart back-to-school shopping trip for needy students. Students are given a \$100.00 shopping trip there and also receive backpacks filled with school supplies. They partner with Music in the Mountains, Beam Easy Living Safety Fair, Hospitality House and others. They hold an Art Auction each spring. For more information see: goldcountrykiwanis.org.

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- Masons, Jordan Horowitz. Also known as the Freemasons. They began with the building of King Solomon's Temple as a guild of architects and free-stone masons, but more recently in the early 1700s, evolved into a social/fraternal organization. Many framers of the Constitution and founders of our country were Freemasons. There are 60,000 Masons in California. Their co-ed auxiliary group is the Eastern Star and youth groups: International Order of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. Masons donate \$1.3 million per day in the U.S. alone. They are strong supporters of public schools. Their Raising a Reader program focuses on students. Masons also funded 8,000 trips for WWII veterans from California to see the national WWII Memorial. They provide scholarships and autism research. Locally, they donate funds for school programs, sponsor the Nevada County Spelling Bee and donate bicycle and helmets to students with good attendance in Nevada City schools. They have a child ID program in which, at local events, they photograph and fingerprint children to assist in locating a missing child. They offer help with various projects and have space available for events. For more information: JordanHorowitz@ucdavis-alumni.com or Madison.Lodge.23@gmail.com or (530) 271-0199.

4:35-4:50 Audience Questions and Answers

Q: At risk school children. Definition?

A: Means perhaps at risk of not graduating, deprived health-wise. Determined by many factors, including the number of free and reduced lunches at a school, the number of children who aren't reading by the end of their third grade, physically or mentally impaired, and graduation rates.

Q: Not many programs for young boys?

A: It is an issue. NEO helps boys. Seroptimists help boys.

Q: One's type of insurance - is it relevant to being served by Shriners?

A: Shriners tries to bill insurance for families who are covered but will still provide care for families who are not covered by insurance.

Q: Are there any groups which offer space for organizations?

A: The Masons and perhaps the Elks?

Q: K Mart shopping spree - how do children get referred to it?

A: Schools refer students to Kiwanis.

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Q: For Rotary, are there needs criteria for a family in crisis?

A: They don't typically give money to individuals; they give to groups.

Soroptimist and Countywide Coordinator of School Curriculum Sharyn Turner states that each of the service organizations present today have helped a great number of Nevada County students. She is grateful.

Guinevere Ewing of PLEAG and WarmLine states that she been positively effected by many of the organizations present and they've helped to make her the person she is today.

4:50-5:00 **Network Announcements** - Members made short announcements about upcoming events or activities:

- CoRR Coat Drive. See CSN News for more information.
- RSVP has Volunteer Nevada County program. For more information see <http://www.a4aa.com/html/rsvp.html>
- Mental Health Fair conference on October 10th. See CSN News for more information: <http://csnnc.org/mental-health-conference-on-october-10th/>
- REACH Counseling offers help for those experiencing test and performance anxiety. Free counseling for children who are victims of crime. For more information call 530-477-7016.
- October is Domestic Violence Month. DVSAC is celebrating 35 years in Nevada County. Event at Miners Foundry on November 8th . For more information see <http://csnnc.org/youre-invited-to-dvsacs-35th-anniversary-celebration/>
- NEO is having a parking lot sale and bake sale on Sat Oct 12th, 9-3pm at the Blockbuster parking lot on Taylorville Road. All funds go towards their future Youth Center. For more information see <http://csnnc.org/neos-fundraiser/>

5:00 **Meeting Evaluation/Adjournment** - Members filled out forms evaluating today's meeting.

Next Meeting: November 6th. Focus will be *Emergency Needs and Holiday Programs for Families*.

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Community Support Network of Nevada County Meeting Agreements

- Make decisions by consensus.
- Create an atmosphere of mutual respect that includes active listening and listening without judging.
- Start and end on time.
- Maintain a sense of humor and a positive attitude.
- Bring concerns to the whole group. Don't take them to the parking lot after the meeting.
- Set up the room in an inclusive way.
- Take responsibility for a task only if you have the time to accomplish it.
- Everyone is empowered to be a process observer and take ownership for the health of the meeting and is responsible for the health of the whole meeting.
- Be sensitive to others' need for more information. Make sure everyone understands.
- Be careful of injecting your self-interest and label it as such. Be able to layout your agency's interest and be open to other's interests.
- Meetings are meaningful and have a shared purpose.
- This is a living document and can be changed as needed.

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