

## Community Support Network of Nevada County

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### Meeting Notes

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Gene Albaugh Community Room

Madelyn Helling Library, Nevada City, CA

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

#### 3:15-3:30 **Greet Incoming Partners/Optional Open Networking**

Those present: Ned Russell, Got 40?; Kristen McGrew, SSHS/PARTNERS FRC; Loydyne Lane, Parent's Resource Guide; Marcia Westbrook, CCCC; Lynn Skrukud & Hallie Ellis, NEO; Suzanne Grass, GVSD; Nicola Murphy, One Stop B & CC; Stephanie Terrassa, DVSAC; Charleen DeWitt, CAPC; Lynn Woerner, KARE; Reyna Salcido & Vicki Winters, The Salvation Army; Jennifer Morrill, FBNC; Monica L'Etoile, Liz Vardara & Anastacia Knight, CANC; Becky Swabeck, Child Support Svcs; Casey McCormick, Sierra FF; Suzanne McMaster, CPS; Rachel Pena-Roos, VCSS; Jay Lowden & Mary Jane Huenergardt, YMCA; Sara Morrison, RSVP/HelpLine; Sharon O'Hara, Citizens for Choice; Dena Valin, Friendship Club; Lindsay Dunckel & Sandi Hedenland, First 5; Terry Wardley, Sen. Ted Gaines; Lynton Daniel, Shriners; Scott Mertz, UHSD; Janet Horowitz, GVSD; Shelley Rogers, CoRR; Lael Walz, EMQFF; Bryan Levenson, 211 Nevada County; Craig Phillips, SNCS; Sue Vanson, IFM; Debbie Daniel, Nev Co Health & Human Svcs; Kari Stehmeyer, The Karing Closet; Mark Dennis, Community Member

3:30-3:40 **Welcome and Introductions** – Ned Russell of Got 40? Notes from October meeting were approved by those present.

3:40-3:45 **Network Moments** – Ned Russell presents Developmental Asset #27, Equality and Social Justice:

“Playing fair” is the basis for all good relationships, whether with friends or community. Ask your children to choose which toys they would like donate for kids who have little of their own, while you select clothing and other basics. Volunteer as a family at a food bank. Help your neighbors when they need it. Help your children notice others who have less than they do. To learn more about the 40 Developmental Assets (Got40?), call 271-5617 or email [info@Got40.org](mailto:info@Got40.org) or [NedRussell@pacbell.net](mailto:NedRussell@pacbell.net).

#### 3:45-3:55 **Building the Network**

- 1) Lynn Skrukud, Co-Founder of NEO, gave a presentation about their planned Youth Center and about NEO in general.
- 2) Jay Lowden, President and CEO of the YMCA of Superior California, spoke about possibly expanding their program into Nevada County. The YMCA focuses on 3 main goals: youth development; healthy living; social responsibility. They will be conducting a Community Needs Assessment. Their survey will be sent out through the Community Support Network.

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### 3:55-4:40 **Meeting Focus: Emergency Needs and Holiday Programs for Families**

- Lieutenant Reyna Salcido and Vicki Winters with The Salvation Army: Over 500 families received services in 2012. They are always in need of people to sponsor needy families. They work with Toys for Tots, Women of Worth, Nevada County Sheriff's Department and others. Their red collection kettles are their main fundraiser of the year. They are the clearinghouse for families so that there's no duplication of services. See: [grassvalleysalarmy.org](http://grassvalleysalarmy.org).
- Kristen McGrew, County Coordinator for Safe Schools Healthy Students and PARTNERS Family Resource Centers: All 3 FRCs are connected with schools. Emergency needs are available through them: clothes closets; the Diaper Project; car seats, Children's Behavioral Health referrals, and referrals and connections to many of the other agencies including DVSAC, WOW, Child Advocates, CalWorks, IFM and the Food Bank. In addition, a food pantry, laundry services and firewood are available at the San Juan Ridge FRC. This FRC is also collaborating with the Salvation Army to serve as the site for sign-up and pick-up of Christmas baskets for families on the Ridge. For more information call: Grass Valley FRC at 273-4059; Ready Springs FRC at 432-1118 x249; San Juan Ridge FRC at 292-3174.
- Lynn Woerner, Executive Director of KARE Crisis Nursery: They provide respite to children ages 0-5 and are available for supervised visits. They're a resource for children's furniture, clothes and equipment. Upcoming Santa's Christmas Shoppe on December 14th, 9-noon. For children 3-10 years old. For more information call 265-0693 or visit [www.karecrisisnursery.org](http://www.karecrisisnursery.org).
- Sue Vanson, Executive Director of Interfaith Food Ministries: IFM has been in existence for 26 years. Over 400 volunteers which serve over 3000 families. They recently acquired a new building at 440 Henderson Street, to open early 2014. For the holidays, they will have a drive-thru food distribution. Thanksgiving dates: 11/20, 11/22 & 11/25. Chickens, turkeys and all the trimmings. Christmas dates: 12/18, 11/20, and 11/23. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In order to receive holiday food distribution, recipients must be a registered client of IFM. Registration occurs at 551 Whiting Street and clients must show proof of residency in Nevada County and a Social Security card for each person receiving food. For more information visit their website at [www.interfaithfoodministry.org](http://www.interfaithfoodministry.org).
- Jennifer Morrill, Administrative Assistant for the Food Bank of Nevada County: They work with 22 partner agencies. Distribute at 15 schools. Turkey distribution on 11/19 at the Love Building in Condon Park. 400 families will be served on this date, with different arrival times for recipients. See [www.foodbankofnc.org](http://www.foodbankofnc.org).

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- Craig Phillips, Executive Director of Sierra Nevada Children's Services: SNCS has been in existence for 35 years. Their Children's Community Chest provides discretionary funding as a last resort for children's needs. Few requirements but must have a demonstrated need. For more information contact him at 272-8866 x222 or see [www.sncs.org](http://www.sncs.org).
- Debbie Daniel, Administrative Services Officer with Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency: Project GO offers free energy conservation help and utility payment assistance for low-income individuals and families. Call 1-800-655-7705 for weatherization and 1-888-524-5705 for utility assistance. The County can also help provide funding for small home repair projects to low-income homeowners. These homeowners may also qualify for a loan for larger home rehabilitation projects through the County. The County can also help with down payments through a qualification process. See: <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/hhsa/housing/Pages/Home.aspx> or call 265-1645.
- Kari Stehmeyer, Founder of The Karing Closet: She receives no funding and runs this project out of her home and on Facebook. She's networked with parents to acquire seasonal clothes, career wear, some sporting goods and travel-sized healthcare items. She collects and distributes maternity and infant through teenage clothing. Send her a Facebook message to receive clothes: [facebook.com/thekaringclosetofnevadacounty](https://www.facebook.com/thekaringclosetofnevadacounty). She aims to lower the stress in families by providing clothing needs. She's recruiting moms to help her. Contact her at [kmms04@comcast.net](mailto:kmms04@comcast.net).
- Bryan Levensen, Call Center Supervisor for 211 Nevada County. 211 administers our area's Emergency Assistance Coalition program which pulls together funding and provides emergency shelter, food and gas for those in need. EAC can help provide shelter for up to 3 days and can also provide bus passes or emergency food in the Grass Valley area. 211 has an ever-evolving Emergency Needs Guide on their website. Their website also has a Veterans Guide, information on the Affordable Care Act, and CalFresh information. See [211nevadacounty.com](http://211nevadacounty.com) or dial 211 from any phone inside Nevada County.

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### 4:45-5:00 Audience Questions and Answers

Q: Is there rental deposit assistance through the County?

A: No, it's no longer available.

Q: Do you (Food Bank) need volunteers for turkey distributions at the Love Building?

A: Yes. Contact us at [www.foodbankofnc.org](http://www.foodbankofnc.org).

Q: What is the current funding outlook for the FRCs?

A: There are some carryover funds, plus funding through First 5 and through a federal CHIPRA grant.

Q: Who maintains a list of all the non-profits in Nevada County?

A: Center for Non-Profit Leadership maintains a list. Also, 211 Nevada County can run a report for all the non-profits.

Q: Does SNCS help out with transportation needs?

A: Yes. Some.

Q: Do all funds collected in the red kettles remain local?

A: Yes. Funds remain in Nevada County. Also, children may volunteer to collect if accompanied by an adult.

Q: Which Counties are included in the YMCA of Superior California?

A: Nevada, Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Colusa, Sutter, Butte, El Dorado and Placer.

5:00 Meeting Evaluation/Adjournment - Next Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>. Focus will be *Community Trends and Prevention Measures: Law Enforcement's Perspective*.  
(No December meeting.)

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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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