

Community Support Network of Nevada County

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Meeting Minutes (Notes)

September 3, 2014 – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Gene Albaugh Community Room at the Madelyn Helling Library

- 3:20 – 3:30 **Greet Incoming Partners** – 28 present, including: Ned Russell, Got 40? and Drug Free Coalition; Kristen McGrew, Partners FC; David Gray, community member; Robin Turner, Sierra College Criminal Justice; Loydyne Lane, Parents' Resource Guide; Clint Lovelady, GVPD; Marcia Westbrook, LPC; Sharon O'Hara, Citizens for Choice, AAUW, Soroptimist International; Lynton Daniel, Shriners; Meg Luce, Partners FRC; Sylvia Pichitino, Sierra Forever Families; Donna Fry, NC Public Health; Suze Pfaffinger, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Lynn Woerner, KARE; Marilyn Taylor, community member; Cindy Santa Cruz Reed, CoRR; Guinevere Ewing, PLEAG; Anastacia Knight, CANC-Foothills Healthy Babies; Melissa Parrett, NCSOS; Melissa Marcum, NCSOS-FYS/ILP; Dena Valin, Friendship Club; Janice O'Brien, Sierra Roots; Julie Choquette, REACH/NCAT Counseling; Lael Walz, EMQFF/SFMC/NAMI
- 3:30 – 3:40 **Welcome & Introductions** – Kristen McGrew, Countywide Coordinator, Safe Schools Healthy Students.
- 3:40 – 3:45 **Meeting Notes** – Accepted notes from June meeting (July potluck picnic was cancelled and we were on summer hiatus in August).
- 3:45 – 3:50 **40 Developmental Assets** – Ned Russell of Got 40? presented Developmental Asset #33 – Interpersonal Competence – Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills ~ We are all different in how we look and think, what we do well or poorly, in comfortable homes or homeless, with or without physical or mental challenges, and what we are passionate about, but we all want to be treated kindly and fairly by others. Kids learn how to respect differences in other people by hearing and seeing similar behavior in adults and older youth.
- Make it your habit to never speak poorly of others, whether family, neighbors, politicians, those with physical or mental challenges, or all in groups with different views than your own, e.g. political parties, religions, old people, young people, artists, athletes, hawks, doves, etc.
 - Look for the good in every person.
 - Listen to both sides of any discussion.
 - Say please and thank you to children and adults alike and greet everyone you meet with a smile.
- 3:50 – 4:35 **Meeting Focus** – Community Oriented Policing – Officer Shane Franssen, Nevada City Police Department and Officer Clint Lovelady, Grass Valley Police Department – Presentation and Q&A.

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Following is selected info from the presentation.

- Difference between “Problem Oriented Policing” (POP) and “Community Oriented Policing” (COP):
Problem Oriented Policing is a specific strategy in which every employee in the Police Department (PD) is committed to solving community problems. The underlying conditions that create problems are identified and analyzed.
Community Oriented Policing is the guiding philosophy of the NCPD and GVPD. Listening to, interacting with, and working as full partners with the community regarding policing matters makes better sense than ignoring their needs, interests, and input. Community policing is about building a collaborative partnership between the [police] departments and other organizations within the community to address the community’s needs.
- POP is not COP. The difference is that COP involves the community and POP does not. They can be used together. With POP, one goal is a cultural shift in the mindset of the organization.
- The “POP Triangle” consists of: offender, place, target/victim. If you can eliminate one of the three, you can diminish the problem. Results can include fewer calls for service and fewer reported crimes.
- NC and GV Police Depts have created a response team to utilize both the COP and POP philosophies to address the ongoing issues in both cities. It’s called the Strategic Response Team, or SRT. The core issues that this team is addressing are chronic offenses that have been categorized as impacting the quality of life within our community.
- Ongoing aim is to develop relationships with mental and behavioral health, rehab facilities, etc. and learn how to better address chronic community issues. The current goal for Shane and Clint is to be addressing chronic issues in the two downtowns: Grass Valley and Nevada City.
- There are many repeat offenders. PDs are trying to think outside the box. One option might be a Community Intervention Court (it may be known as a different name later) that involves the Courts, the Public Defender’s office, the District Attorney’s office.
- Shane and Clint are working together to develop a program that addresses chronic quality of life issues. “How can we get this person just one step up from rock

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bottom?" The people in question don't qualify for Hospitality House. Repeat arrests don't help the offender.

- Officers want to make a real personal connection with offenders and connect them with resources if they're willing.

- The four key components of the approach are: motivation, treatment, resources, follow-through.

Motivation – Hold people accountable, give them options, build relationships, increase penalties for repeat offenses. e.g., If offenders are initially offered a choice of 30 days in jail or rehab, most choose jail. 60 days or rehab, many still choose jail. Beyond 60 days in jail, choice may eventually be rehab. If an Officer spends an hour talking with a repeat offender, that's one hour that person is not offending. Because of the relationships that are being built, people are starting to call officers for assistance. That's what PDs want.

Treatment – PDs are developing relationships with service providers: rehab, behavioral health, social services.

Resources – Behavioral Health, Turning Point, CoRR, Hospitality House, VA, MediCal, Social Security, numerous other community services.

Follow-through – Setting personal goals, checking up on progress, utilizing social resources with follow-up, having a game plan in place for relapse. It's a matter of individual choice (and people may choose not to), but PDs have the relationships and resource connections.

Q & A

Q: What about young people?

A: Offer resources, build relationships, connect with services (e.g., for mental illness).

Q: Can you bring resource people into the jail?

A: Working on being able to do that.

Comment from attendee: Community awareness and involvement piece...if my kid asks, "What's the policeman talking to that guy about?" I can say, "He's helping him figure something out."

Comment from Officer: There are lots of people here from out of state with mental illness. We try to connect them with family.

Q: I'm never sure what to do about panhandlers.

A: We're looking at the "Not Another Dime" program in Auburn. We're exploring "give o' meters." We want to figure out a way to get people to give to organizations that are providing services. If you give someone money, it goes to their addiction.

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You can give something healthy to eat to someone who's panhandling, or bottles of water. PDs are working to develop community education tools including handouts and resource guides. If you see someone in need, call the PD. Especially if it's a young person.

Q: What is relationship like between the PDs and Sheriff?

A: Sheriff is an elected position, so political encouragement is needed to see changes.

Comment from Officer: This [COP] is an evolution in law enforcement. We want to come up with creative ways to attract people to law enforcement officers [to help with relationship-building]. Citizens can help by getting the word out. PDs are working hard to be sure COP succeeds. Just a couple officers can make a huge difference. GV is trying to get another officer for COP. If successful, that would make three locally (including Clint and Shane).

Comment from attendee: Sierra Roots is working with Shane. There will be Sept. and Oct. community house meetings to get the word out. Sierra Roots is also training people to be case managers with the PDs.

Q: How is this accepted by peers in PDs?

A: Positive, or becoming so. COP is getting people off the streets and reducing calls for service.

Q: What are the resources for shelter if people don't qualify for Hospitality House (other than jail)?

A: Working on it. 50+ beds and full every night at HH. Lots of people PDs work with don't want to go to HH even if they qualify.

Comment from attendee: Salvation Army on Alta St. [is a resource] in winter, but they don't have a youth facility. On Nov. 10, Andrew Heben from Opportunity Village in Eugene OR (which addresses housing and shelter options), will speak in the Gene Albaugh Community Room at the Madelyn Helling Library at 7pm about "Building Community for the Homeless."

Q: [adapted/generalized] What about crime locations that show up repeatedly in the newspaper's Police Blotter?

A: Hot spots rotate. Code enforcement can be a tool that provides a way in to deal with slumlord problems.

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- 4:35 – 4:50 **Building the Network Moment** – Omitted for September.
- 4:50 – 5:00 **Network Announcements and Meeting Evaluation** – New item on evaluation form starting this month: *please share any info you like about how you use, or would like to use, the CSNNC website and newsletter.*
- Ned Russell of Got 40? is writing an article for the *Parents' Resource Guide* about volunteer opportunities for the holidays. He asked for info about holiday volunteer opportunities for kids and parents at CSN partner organizations for inclusion in the article.
 - Loydyne Lane of the *Parents' Resource Guide* invited people to submit announcements and information about events, in 10-400 words, for posting on the PRG website and Facebook page.
 - Sharon O'Hara of Nevada County Citizens for Choice, Soroptomist International of GV, and AAUW said the AAUW will be doing a flash mob in the Constitution Day parade on 9/14 and will host an educational fundraiser at the North Star House on 10/12. Info at the Nevada County AAUW website.
- 5:00 **Adjournment** – Next Meeting: October 1, 2014, Gene Albaugh Community Room, at the Madelyn Helling Library.

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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