

LOMPOC VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION

Minutes for January 28, 2010

Present: Kathy Bertelsen, LUSD Food Service; Jacklyn Kelly, SBCPHD – Lompoc; Georgene Lowe, Health Linkages; Michelle MacKinnon, LUSD Food Service; Jason Reynolds, Chamber/State Farm; Fidel Villanueva, PHD-Network for Healthy CA;

Staff: Steve McDowell, LVCHO; Judy Taggart, LVCHO



1. The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.
2. Judy Taggart reported on project updates:
 - a. The four walking assessments/safe routes to schools evaluations have completed; the four schools will be Miguelito, La Honda, Lompoc Valley Middle School and Lompoc High School. A draft of the report has been reviewed and a summary of the findings will be presented at the upcoming Community Health Summit. The report will be made available to the coalition once the final report is received; there are recommendations for improvement for the coalition to review.
 - b. The community food assessments looking at the availability of fresh produce in Lompoc has been completed. Judy Taggart thanked all the coalition members for their assistance with this community wide project. A summary of the findings of this assessment will also be presented at the upcoming Community Health Summit.
 - c. The community green space assessment will be discussed at the February coalition meeting.
3. New and Upcoming Projects presented:
 - a. The team of 10 (new and existing) coalition members who traveled to Washington D.C. in December as part of the Pioneering Healthy Communities initiative came back with great information and resources to assist the community. The team of ten came to the consensus that an environmental and policy assessment of the school district would be one great place to start focusing their energy. The Community Healthy Living Index is a resource that was made available at the conference and it includes assessment tools that the coalition may use to begin the evaluation process. Copies of the school assessment forms will be emailed with the minutes.
 - b. Coalition members are being asked to participate in a community project using Photovoice – a participatory research method where people take a series of photos to tell their story. Photovoice gives a voice to community members, involves them in the process of community improvement and provides important insight on local issues from the participants’ point of view. The photos will be made into slide presentations to be shown at the Summit. Coalition members interested should contact Judy Taggart. Digital cameras and instructions will be provided.
4. Announcements:
 - a. The 2010 Lompoc Valley Community Health Summit will take place from March 25, 2010 from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Lompoc Veteran’s Memorial Building. Flyers and registration materials are available to download at www.healthylompoc.lvcho.org. *Coalition members are encouraged to register and come for all or part of the event.* Coalition members who are available to assist at the event (even for 1 hour) will be asked to sign up with Judy Taggart - more specifics to come.
 - b. The Lompoc Parks & Recreation department will be hosting the First Annual “Boat Float” at the beautiful Aquatics Center on May 15, 2010. This is a fun and creative event for the entire family. Information and rules will be posted on the Healthy Lompoc site shortly.
 - c. Fidel Villanueva announced that he would be conducting a series health education sessions in Santa Maria for Spanish speaking members of the community.
5. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 25, 2010 at 12:00pm in the West Conference Room.