

LOMPOC VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION

Minutes for October 29, 2009

Present: **Don Deming**, Lompoc Police Department; Craig Dierling, City of Lompoc Engineering; **Jacklyn Kelly**, SBCPHD – Lompoc; **Bob Lingl**, Lompoc Valley Medical Center; **Amy Lopez**, Food Bank of SB; **JoAnne Plummer**, Parks & Recreation; Dulcie Sinn, LHCD Garden Project; **Fidel Villanueva**, PHD-Network for Healthy CA; **Margaret Weiss**, Sansum Clinic

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 Walking Assessment that the Coalition conducted at the September 2009 meeting has lead to four walking assessments/safe routes to schools evaluations to be completed in Lompoc on November 16-17. The four schools will be Miguelito, La Honda, Lompoc Valley Middle School and Lompoc High School. We will do our best to accommodate any coalition member interested in tagging along or participating.
 - b. In response to questions that arose at the September meeting Craig Dierling provided a comprehensive briefing on projects in Lompoc related to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and the funding that has been obtained in Lompoc for improvements. The discussion outline is available for those unable to attend the meeting.
3. New and Upcoming Projects presented:
 - a. Judy Taggart announced that the Lompoc YMCA was selected as one of 21 cities across the nation to be a part of the Pioneering Healthy Communities initiative – a program to promote healthier communities by addressing environmental and policy issues that impact health. This initiative is a collaborative program between the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Y-USA. Judy Taylor, Executive Director of the Lompoc YMCA and Judy Taggart will be co-coaches for this project and will be taking a team of 10 people to Washington D.C. in December and will bring back information and resources to assist the coalition with community assessments and programs.
 - b. Judy Taggart passed out the draft of the assessment tool that will be used to determine which food stores in Lompoc sell fresh produce. This process will allow the coalition to map which neighborhoods have access fresh fruits and vegetables and begin the process of improving access to healthy food for Lompoc residents. Coalition members were asked to choose a grocery store, convenience store, Carniceria, etc. to evaluate using the assessment tool. Suggestions and edits to the draft need to be emailed to Judy Taggart by Friday November 6, 2009. The final assessment tool will be emailed out to the coalition on Monday November 9th.
4. Announcements:
 - a. Joanne Plummer announced that Lompoc PAL, Parks & Rec. and Curves have partnered to offer a program for girls age 14-18 that are committed to improving their health. For information on this program please contact Joanne at 875-8100 or Kathy Hefferman, PAL Coordinator 875-8156.
 - b. LVCHO is inviting interested coalition members to a webinar at 12:00pm on 11/18/09 at LVCHO. Topic: Building Political Will for Strong Bike/Walk Programs by the American Assoc. of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals. Please contact Judy Taggart if you are interested – lunch is provided.
 - c. The next meeting will be held one week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
5. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 19, 2009 at 12:00pm in the West Conference Room.