

# LOMPOC VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION

Minutes for November 19, 2009

**Present:** Kathy Bertelsen, LUSD Food Service Don Deming, Lompoc Police Department;  
JoAnne Plummer, Parks & Recreation;

**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. Consultants from California Walks completed four walkability /safe routes to schools evaluations November 15-17. The four schools evaluated were Miguelito, La Honda, Lompoc Valley Middle School and Lompoc High School. The report will be available some time in January. The consultants reported that Craig Dierling (City of Lompoc Engineering) is doing an excellent job of managing infrastructure improvements in Lompoc.
  - b. Updated were made to the Community Food Assessment tool and many coalition members have signed up to assist with the citywide evaluation of access fresh fruits and vegetables for Lompoc residents. Coalition members who have signed up to perform an evaluation are asked to return the completed form to Judy Taggart by December 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. The hand outs from the November 18<sup>th</sup> webinar *Building Political Will for Strong Bike/Walk Programs* from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals are available to download from [www.healthylompoc.lvcho.org](http://www.healthylompoc.lvcho.org)
  - d. The Pioneering Healthy Communities team will be traveling to Washington D.C. on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will bring back information and resources to assist the coalition with assessments and programs related to environmental and policy issues related to community health.
3. New and Upcoming Projects presented:
  - a. The fourth and final assessment project that will be completed as part of the California Endowment tie-off grant is an evaluation of local green space in Lompoc. We are looking hiring a consultant to assist with this assessment.
4. Announcements:
  - a. The 2010 Community Health Summit will be held on March 25, 2010. Our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. James Sallis, Director of Active Living Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. His presentation will be Building Healthy Communities: From Evidence to Policy.
  - b. LVCHO will be relocating our office in December or January. Our new office will be located in the Soh bani Industrial Park (a.k.a. the Wine Ghetto) at Chestnut and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - c. Joanne Plummer announced that a presentation was given on the 2010 Census stressing how important it is to get an accurate count and how the count impacts our community. From the website: *the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects, and emergency services.* Check out this site for more information: <http://2010.census.gov>
5. Meeting adjourned.

***The next meeting will be Thursday January 28, 2010 at 12:00pm. Location TBA.***