

Healthy Mendocino Leadership Team

Meeting Notes

July 8th 2024

Attendees:

Mary Anne Cox, Miranda Ramos, Tiffany Gibson, Townley Saye, Danae Brunner, Jeremy Malin, Tine Tyler-O'Shea, Maria Conchita Ceja, Micheline White, Vicky Klakken, Carolyn Moulton, Paul Davis, Stacey Pollina-Millen.

INFORMATIONAL

Townley introduces herself as Chair and is willing to fill the spot for now. She recognizes that others may want to be Chair as we add more participants to the LT and is open and willing to step down if someone else is interested.

AWARENESS

Mary Anne shares that there was an Equity survey done with a small group of original LT members in February and the results are in. CACHI will be working with the VT/LT to go over the results and guide the next steps for addressing equity within the collaborative.

Link to the survey for reference (survey is now closed) <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/SQRF6HJ>

Mary Anne shares with the group about the organization On the Verge who has selected Mendocino County as an opportunity to work with emerging leaders will be presenting for 45 min during the August LT meeting. NCO will be the "host" for On the Verge and Healthy Mendocino LT participants will help to identify emerging leaders within the community to participate in a year long professional/personal development cohort.

Link to One the Verge for reference [On The Verge \(otvca.org\)](https://www.otvca.org)

DISCUSSION

Townley shares that from our last meetings assessment of priorities SUD has been identified as a core concern and issue for all participating LT members. Townley introduces the idea of the group identifying grants centered in supporting SUD providers and splitting it evenly. Townley would like the HM website to have more resources for SUD treatment on the website. Her vision is to create more cohesion around sharing resources and helping the community know where to get help. Townley asks the group for ideas in this work.

Micheline would like to have a share drive to document to address needs within our community.

Miranda – sees the value of HM as the relationships developed within the collaborative. There is no other meeting or space quite like it.

Townley would like us to develop guideposts and resources to further the connection to each other's resources.

Jeremy talks about the report from California Redwood Coast Disparities as a resource to assess needs.

Townley would like collaborative to come up with solid solutions from within group discussion/projects. Townley would like to look at what has worked well in other communities. Suggests that we are an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors.

Townley for our CACHI deliverables we are working in the CalAIM community supports space. Townley talks with group about counties need to have closed loop referrals and talks about platform called "Unite Us" and why it would be good for Mendocino County to consider. Townley gave a brief presentation and will ask Unite Us to come to our August meeting for a more thorough presentation.

Link to Unite Us [Unite Us | Your Partner for Social Care](#)

Tina- asks what is the funding for Unite Us? How does it work?

Townley responds that the bulk of the funding would be shouldered by the county agencies. Discusses cost vs. what we are gaining.

Vicky shares that a lot of her work has been within Humboldt and Del Norte. Humboldt County has something like Unite Us. What they have done has been to have a single sign on. With CalAIM you must use Collective Medical. Humboldt Community Information Exchange they tied it into NCTN. Vicky offers to bring the COO of the organization to present on this program.

Townley is open to this idea and has had the First 5 staff connect with Partnership on how Unite Us will work with Partnership.

Vicky let's group know that round 4 Path Cited grant is coming again and this will be the last round.

Jeremy has questions about how the system integrates with the hospital system. We need to understand the Interface and SSO capabilities between any potential solution (Unite Us, Pathways Hub, etc.) with Point Click Care, Provider EHRs (EPIC, Athena, and E Clinical Works), and CES (Coordinated Entry System).

Vicky explains how the system works with a single sign- on and why that makes it more user friendly.

Miranda shares that a variety of EHR's that Unite Us works well with. Would like to ask about single sign on.

Tiffany discusses Regional Advisory Committees and how do we want to connect with the community voice. Connecting with Policy work, supervisors, break up county in supervisorial districts, to come together and talk about issues bubbling up to the top. Having the work come from some grant writing. Open up the general idea to the collaborative, ideas from the group, where do you see yourself fitting in and gathering how you identify CBO's to get engagement.

Townley asks will the RAC be the people doing the work. Will they be the ones to identify what needs to be done or highlight what is going well.

Tiffany talks about the strong desire and duty to get community voices into the work that we are doing. RAC is a way to get into the community to get more conversations going. Excited to have this group chime in and share thoughts.

Miranda has questions about whether the Supervisors are interested in participating. Need to have skilled and appropriate facilitators to lead these kinds of groups. Someone who can handle feelings within these kinds of groups. Needs to be handled thoughtfully and generatively, and needs to be done well especially for community members.

Danae would like the group to remember Casey Gray who is a young and involved community member.

Townley suggests a google doc for community leaders, Supervisors or people to engage for HM collaborative.

Townley discusses the idea of having a meeting agreement- does this group want to adopt meeting agreements? Townley went over the concept. Suggest we all think about it and come back in August to discuss it.

Micheline reminds the group that language matters and identifying how we talk about others can be offensive as a group can prioritize awareness around this.

Townley responds that language is part of the agreements within First 5.

Townley would like to know how the group feels about proxy attendance- to keep moving forward and to stay cohesive within the work. How does the group feel about having a proxy? Taking notes, making inquiries, projects are moving forward.

Miranda is generally supportive of proxy but thinks that there needs to be prework for context and framework for the meeting/group. If someone uses a proxy, we need to make sure to get them up to speed before attending a meeting.

Townley we can add this to the agreements.

Jeremy has mixed feelings about proxy. Worries about equity pieces depend on people who are part of the group. How do we make sure that proxy may have a similar voice. Potential concern.

Tina is committed to this group and will be in attendance for most of the meetings. Look at the agenda and see if there needs to be communication and can do that.

Vicky knows that with her schedule she can be pulled away. Will be hiring a project manager and has a consistent assistant who shed use as a proxy who would be eyes and ears. She would like to have someone there to have clear communication on what's to happen and share information post meeting.

Townley wants to echo that she is committed to the meeting and wants to hear it firsthand. She feels that the meeting notes are comprehensive and is thankful to NCO for the notes.

ACTION

Townley asks the group to look at the dates listed to see what the attendance will look like for the group.

Townley request collaborative to invite community members to participate within HM. Suggest this is where the share drive is a great idea, to have a FAQ to share with potential people, Bylaws, description of each governance tier and define commitments. There can be a shared excel sheet to list out who you'd like to invite, what other voice needs to be part of this collaborative? Who would you like to bring to the August meeting.

Stacey shares that if she were going to invite someone to the meeting how would she describe what the ask is of the community member to the group and why. What is the ask of that person and how would they participate?

Townley shares that she has identified a mom who has teenagers who is also concerned about specific things within the community. Community members would be invited to be in the group and experience having a voice, bring issues to the table, to be effective, and to see that there is actually a group working on things.

Tina identifies Danae as the community member to share her experience attending meetings.

Danae is just here to see what is going on and trying to learn and soak up everything.

Tina asks what brought Danae back to the meeting.

Danae was part of Incubate and One Table and once One Table was dissolved it became Healthy Mendocino

Tina and Vicky ask if we have stipends for community members? Vicky shares how Partnership offers stipends to their Consumer Advisory Group.

Tiffany through CACHI grant we have community engagement dollars.

Caroline in previous advisory groups she has hosted, we would mail them gift cards if the meeting was on zoom