

**Westside Healthcare Advisory
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2007
Patterson City Council Chambers**

Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

Advisory Chairman DeMartini, Stanislaus County Supervisor - District 5 made opening comments – thanking attendees for all of their energy and commitment to this process.

All attendees self introduced – very passionate/positive comments about the workgroup and the progress to date as introductions were being made.

The Mayor Pro Tem City of Gustine commented that he had shared the workgroup agenda and progress to date with Assemblywoman Galgiani recently and that the Assemblywoman was very interested in a continuing update.

[NOTE: This is good news as we begin the process of developing our “circuit rider” whitepaper and outreach model.]

Boggs reviewed the minutes from September 6, meeting.

All approved the paraphrase and there were no clarifications or comments.

Sidebar comments:

- 400+ diabetics in Patterson/Newman area [Golden Valley]
- Whole County is medically underserved – many underserved specialties in Stanislaus.
- Shortage of healthcare is valley wide.

Mark Hartly gave an update on data collection.

Mr. Hartly has been tasked with collecting information from the State (OSHPD) to assist with developing our outreach model and support arguments.

Mr. Hartly shared that the OSHPD staff/offices have moved which has slowed the data collection process somewhat. There is now a signed contract agreement by and between the State OSHPD and County of Stanislaus – so data should be flowing our way soon. Mr. Hartly anticipates having statistics within several weeks – by late December.

Once these are provided they will be shared with the entire workgroup for review.

ACTION ITEM: Share OSHPD data and executive summary with workgroup.

Sidebar comments:

- ER rooms have become the urgent care centers in America. Very prevalent in the Central Valley.
- This aligns well with our workgroup’s charge – to save monies for large healthcare hospital ER facilities by aligning and partnering for urgent care

facilities and outreach to the Westside communities – save off unwarranted ER visitations.

The group discussed having a presentation by or through the Great Valley Center at the next meeting to discuss the planned Medical School at UC Merced. Perhaps to include some demographic healthcare presentation materials also.

ACTION ITEM: County staff to work with UC Merced and/or Great Valley Center to schedule an appropriate speaker for our February meeting.

Workgroup then discussed next steps regarding whitepaper and circuit rider analysis via OSHPD data summary.

ACTION ITEM: County staff to begin first draft of whitepaper argument to share with workgroup in February. Draft distribution and discussion at February meeting.

Staff then shared several marketing and outreach materials with the group. Feedback was positive regarding brochure info piece and web presence. Some discussion regarding a smaller scale for better utility insert and mass distribution.

ACTION ITEM: Staff was directed to final draft all materials for next meeting review and to develop an outreach/distribution strategy.

Supervisor De Martini addressed next meeting date and location issue. The workgroup agrees with current rotating meeting locations. Therefore, the **February meeting was scheduled in Gustine at:**

**Gustine City Council Chambers
Thursday, February 7, 2008
7:00pm.**

Supervisor De Martini closed the meeting at 8:54 pm