

PETALUMA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
CHIPA COMMITTEE
June 11, 2013 – 12:15pm to 1:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: **CHIPA:** Ramona Faith, Josephine Thornton, Babs Kavanaugh, Cynthia Murray, Kathy Ficco, Denise DiPasqua, Francisco Cano, Marilyn Segal, Elece Hempel, Patricia Souza, Suzanne Cochrane

SOUTH COUNTY COLLABORATIVE: Kira Kayla, Diane Olsen, Mary Ann Swanson

GUEST SPEAKER: Pedro Toledo, Director of Community and Government Relations, Redwood Community Health Coalition

Agenda was approved as written.

**REVIEW OF
AGENDA
CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

**HEALTH CARE
REFORM**

Pedro Toledo, Director of Community and Government Relations, Redwood Community Health Coalition provided an overview on the process for expanding coverage for the uninsured through the Health Care Reform in Sonoma County.

The Affordable Care Act is designed to expand access to insurance for all, reforms private insurance systems, improves Medicare, invests in prevention and establishes Is.

In 2010 through 2012 insurance reform provided policy-holder protections, preventive services, parity, controls on insurer spending and rate reviews.

Proposed expansion for coverage in California includes:

- Medi-Cal expansion
- Reforms private insurance
- Health Exchange
- SHOP program

Mr. Toledo explained the subsidized coverage that is based on income percentage of Federal Poverty level. Premium Caps are established and cost-sharing subsidy will be made available to those that qualify at the beginning of each year

and not through their tax filing process.

Covered California will select their health plans and launch a media campaign in spring of 2013. The next step would be to begin community outreach in summer of 2013.

First enrollment for Covered California will open in October of 2013 and will remain open until March 1st. The next time to enroll is October 2014 but will not have as long as the first period for open enrollment. Coverage for first opening enrollment will start in January of 2014.

NEXT STEPS:

- Ramona Faith and Babs Kavanaugh will work off line to research various committee structures to support CHIPA's work
- June/July meetings will focus on review of most recent community health assessment survey data, i.e., CHIC (Community Health Implementation Committee), Kaiser Data Platform, 2013-2016 Sonoma County Health Alliance Needs Assessment
- July CHIPA/Health Action presentation to City Council meeting
- At the August meeting, review Sonoma County Community Health collected data by zip codes

ACCOUNCEMENTS

Patricia Souza noted community judges are needed to review senior projects. If interested, contact Patricia.

Congressman Jared Huffman will host a town hall on senior issues, Friday, May 31, 2013 from noon to 1:00pm at the Petaluma Senior Center.

Cynthia Murray noted the District is a sponsor of the upcoming conference titled "What Every Small Business MUST Do to Comply with Health Care Reform NOW" set for June 14, 2013 from 7:30am-10:30am.

**JUNE 11, 2013
MEETING**

Pedro Toledo, Director of Community and Government Relations, Redwood Community Health Coalition will be presenting information on the Health Care Reform.

ADJOURN

Director Thornton adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm