



Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa

Attendees (listed alphabetically)

Amber Twitchell, V.O.I.C.E.S Sonoma
 Brian Staebell, District Attorney’s Office
 Carley Moore, Drug Abuse Alternatives Center
 Carol Simmons, Child Care Planning Council
 Brennie Dale, Youth Member
 Angelica de la Torre, Youth Member
 Elece Hempel, Petaluma People Services
 Gigi Mertle, Department of Child Support Services
 Jen Lewis, DHS Health Action
 Jim Nantell, Regional Parks
 John Hartwig, Information Services Department
 Kathleen Pozzi, Public Defender
 Khaalid Muttaqi, City of Santa Rosa
 Lisa Wittke Schaffner, John Jordan Foundation
 Marianne McBride, Council on Aging

Meg Cadiz, Redwood Credit Union
 Mike Kallhoff, United Way
 Robin Bartholow, North Coast Builder’s Exchange
 Shirlee Zane, Board of Supervisors
 Socorro Shiels, Santa Rosa City Schools
 Susan Gorin, Board of Supervisors
 Tim Reese, Community Action Partnership

Staff:

Oscar Chavez, Project Manager
 Joni Thacher, Project Staff
 Liz Parra, Project Staff

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Next Steps
Welcome, Introductions,	Oscar welcomed the Policy Committee and facilitated introductions.	Motion to approve the minutes: Yes – 21 No – 0 Abstain – 0 One attendee arrived after minutes were approved	None
Progress Report	Joni provided an update on recent presentations, publications and Portfolio additions.	None	None

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Health Action-Upstream Investments Update	<p>Jen Lewis, Health Action Program Manager, provided a brief update on current Health Action efforts to collaborate across initiatives and leadership.</p> <p>She reported that the Department of Health Services (DHS) is a finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. DHS is one of fifteen finalists, from more than 340 communities in the country.</p> <p>Jen also informed the Committee that Health Action and Upstream staff have been examining the pillars of ReThink Health, a framework that includes strategy, stewardship and sustainable financing mechanisms to meet the goal of becoming the healthiest county in California.</p> <p>An ad hoc sustainable financing group has been formed to assess and support the development of self-sustaining models of financing that can be applied to a range of programmatic investments to address priorities.</p> <p>Jen also briefly discussed the opportunities for a Prevention and Wellness Trust and Pay for Success model, and invited Policy Committee members to attend the Health Action meeting on June 5 to learn more about sustainable financing models.</p>	None	None
A Funder's Guide to Upstream Investment Policy	<p>Oscar provided an overview of the recently published, <i>A Funder's Guide to Upstream Investments Policy</i>.</p> <p>Oscar explained that the <i>Funders Guide</i> is intended to clarify funding guidelines, articulate how local funding aligns with Upstream Investments and apply upstream principles to decision making processes.</p>	None	None
Youth Member Introductions	<p>Amber Twitchell introduced Brennie Dale and Angelica de la Torre as the newest members to the Policy Committee. The two seats were recommended by the Committee in an effort to more effectively engage youth in the work of Upstream Investments.</p> <p>Brennie is a high school student at Santa Rosa High School, and has been involved with youth leadership through Tomorrow's Leaders Today. She is interested in engaging youth in the various policy efforts in Sonoma County.</p> <p>Angelica works as a Foster Youth Advocate at VOICES Sonoma and is interested in raising awareness of the foster youth issues.</p>	None	None
Upstream Champions Toolkit	<p>Joni guided members through a group exercise with the Upstream Investments toolkits. Each group developed and presented a brief presentation that incorporated talking points from the toolkit.</p>	None	None
Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</p>	None	None