



## Community Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes January 10, 2017

Those in attendance:

Ana Alvarez	Outreach Coordinator , Conejo, Ladera, Weathersfield
Ana Blasi	Outreach Coordinator, Walnut
Laura Dugatkin Roszkin	Facilitator, Colina
Sandra Hernandez	Facilitator, Glenwood
Celia Peña	Facilitator, Madroña
Belen Quezada	Outreach, Conejo Elementary
Rebecca Stelmar	BreakThrough
Julie Tan	Facilitator, CVHS
Lidia Zesati	Outreach Specialist, Glenwood
Martha Montesinos	Outreach Manager, Cal Fresh (Guest Speaker)
Frankie Leivera	Chair, Community Outreach Committee
Marie Gluck	Recording Secretary

### Welcome:

- Each attendee introduced themselves; new members and guest speaker were welcomed.
- Mr. Leivera introduced the new EL Office Secretary, Marie Gluck.

### Guest Speaker:

#### Martha Montesinos, Outreach Manager, Cal Fresh

Ms. Montesinos distributed packets containing Cal Fresh information. Highlights include:

- The former title of the program was “food stamps.”
- She oversees a team of nine specialists (all bilingual) who enter the community and assist people interested in the program. The community outreach specialists will meet people in groups or one-on-one, but only in public places, such as libraries, schools, Starbucks, etc.
- The staff is friendly, compassionate and makes community members feel comfortable.
- Ms. Montesinos will offer a workshop or present at school meetings. Feel free to email her at [mmontesinos@foodshare.com](mailto:mmontesinos@foodshare.com)

- This program IS NOT part of public assistance and will not interfere with the ability to become a U.S. Citizen.
- You must be a Ventura County resident in order to apply.
- Someone living in the household must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Rent, utilities, and medical care are all considered when a monetary allotment is delegated.
- You are ineligible if you are on supplemental Social Security. Regular Social Security is OK.
- College students may participate.
- Proof of income: many people are paid “under the table.” If applicants do not have a pay stub, they may complete a sworn statement relating to their income.
- Only food items will be applied to the “debit card.” Unused funds will roll over to the following month.
- At this time, do not use the referral form included in the packet. Mr. Leivera will need to consult with Dr. Santos regarding confidentiality.

### **Ana Alvarez: Agency 101**

Ms. Alvarez discussed the upcoming Agency 101 (Ventura County Children’s System of Care) fair on Wednesday, January 25, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- The event is for parents and educators in Ventura County.
- It is a collection of numerous local agencies.
- Marie will send a copy of the flier to nurses and counselors. (Marie spoke with Dr. Santos who stated that he previously forwarded the information to staff.)

### **Rebecca Stelmar: Parent Workshop & Education Series**

Ms. Stelmar outlined the upcoming events being sponsored by CVUSD. Highlights include:

- The workshops will relate to parents of elementary and secondary students
- Translators will be available at all sessions.
- Location: Horizon Hills MPR, 33 Greta Street

Discussion followed regarding the following topics:

- Are we reaching the parents who need these services? How can we reach out to them? A member commented that a personal phone call makes a greater impact than emails or fliers.
- Some members asked about reading classes for adults. Ana Alvarez is the contact person for that information. Park Oaks: 6:00 – 7:30, Wednesdays, Conejo Elementary: 6:00 – 7:30, Thursdays.
- Mr. Leivera asked if parents of EL students are utilizing the District/School Apps. There was little input regarding this question, but one representative stated that they were going to have an App presentation at an upcoming ELAC meeting.

## **Sharing Resources**

Mr. Leivera led the discussion. Topic included the need for:

- Social and emotional support and the availability of local specialists who will come and speak for free.
- Home intervention support
- Parent engagement activities—how to get EL parents involved with their student’s school.
  - Mr. Leivera distributed a listing of 45 volunteer opportunities for parents who are not fluent in English
- Mr. Leivera will organize a Google drive document for teachers and committee members to utilize. Send information you believe will be useful to all sites to Mr. Leivera and he will update the document.

## **Questions, Comments, Concerns: Time to share:**

- Acacia held a workshop which was attended by 17 parents. Personal phone calls were made to encourage parents to attend.
- Walnut is offering a free 2-hour CPR (non-certification) class. Translators will be available and childcare will be provided.

## **Next Meeting: February 14, 2017**

- LCAP Goals & Superintendent Green Print Plan