



Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health has been busy with public presentations this week! We spoke to staff, educators and administrators from the Mammoth Middle and High Schools about our services, how to link students and their families to our agency, and what to do when a particular student seems distressed or despondent. We also spoke to the ESTA Mammoth drivers about our services and how to manage those in their vehicles who might have a mental health issue. Debra Stewart joined in the “Lunch and Learn” series at Mammoth Hospital to talk about our Substance Use services and how to link patients with our agency. And, last but certainly not least, Bertha Jimenez and Lourdes Gonzalez gave a smashing presentation at the Hispanic Town Hall Meeting regarding our services and how to manage the stigma that is often associated with mental health issues. All in all, we spoke to over two hundred (200!) members of our community in this week alone!

Ellen Thompson, PhD, will be retiring next month after many years of excellent service. We’ll be holding a party for her December 19th here in Mammoth. Time and place TBA. Anyone who would like to celebrate Ellen is most welcome to attend. More details to follow.

CONTACT: **Robin K. Roberts, (760) 924-1740**

Board of Supervisors

Mono County representatives continue to broaden network of advocacy for Mono County needs - Chair and Vice Chair represent Mono County at Annual California State Association of Counties conference. Chairman Larry Johnston and Vice Chair Tim Fesko along with Supervisor-elect Stacey Corless, County Clerk Recorder Bob Musil and CAO Jim Leddy attended the annual gathering counties from across California.

This years conference which focused all of its education session on Innovation, was held in Anaheim, Orange County. Over 400 people representing every county in California attended. Chairman Johnston is Mono County’s representative to the CSAC Board of Directors as well as being active on several of the policy committees and Vice Chair Fesko and Supervisor-Elect Corless were both attended state briefings from staff and the Governor’s office but also attending the CSAC nationally recognized Institute for County Board members.



CONTACT: **Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510**

Community Development

International Sage Grouse – Efforts to collaborate with other agencies to prevent the listing of our local sage grouse (Bi-State Population) as threatened under the Endangered Species Act continued last week as staff participated in an International Sage Grouse Conference at Salt Lake City. Wendy Sugimura attended in person, and Brent Calloway participated remotely in a special live-streaming venue at the Lee Vining Community Center, sponsored by Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership. Wendy was able to

make contact with several key agency staff, and Friday's session included an encouraging presentation on the "Success in the Bi-State Population" by Dan Hottle, USFWS public affairs officer. A decision on the listing is due in April 2015.

June Lake CAC & Community Conversation – The June Lake CAC conducted a Special Meeting Tuesday to review changes to the June Lake Area Plan, followed by a broader community conversation on June Lake's character. An estimated 40 participants considered design and community priorities, with initial rankings of multi-use trails throughout the loop, a new gateway monument sign along US 395, and community center beautification as top items. The focal point for discussion was the Draft Design Idea Book created by Opticos Consultants, and the conversation was skillfully facilitated by Wendy Sugimura and Courtney Weiche.

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County Administrator's Office



Marine Corps Family Holiday Party!

Eastern Sierra Community Bank and the SOS – Supporting Our Soldiers - We Support ALL Branches of the Military! Would like to show their support of our local Marine Corps and Families!

We will be putting together three (3) different gift baskets

- MAN
- WOMAN
- CHILD

If you would like to participate all you have to do is pick up some kind of gift (No need to wrap it)

****Think relaxing * Think food * Think games*Think movies*Think books****

Get it to the Bridgeport Branch by Thursday, December 11, 2014

We will put the baskets together - THE MORE THE MERRIER!!

CONTACT: Janelle at Eastern Sierra Bank, (760) 932-7926

COOKIES FOR SINGLE MARINES AND ALL PERSONNEL – See attached Flier but reminder that when baking your Christmas goodies, bake a couple dozen more and drop off at:

Eastern Sierra Community Bank
Bridgeport Branch
Monday, December 15th
Before 11:00 AM

CONTACT: Janelle, (760)932-7926

Creating Your Playbook: Four Steps to Create a Positive Workplace Training being offered on December 4th - We spend most of our waking hours at work; yet we spend little time creating a positive and engaging environment.

Reminder!

In this session you will learn:

- The importance of a positive work environment.
- Four basic principles of creating a positive work environment.
- Actions you can take with your coworkers and customers/clients to create a positive and engaging work environment.

This “catch the energy” session is based on the principles that are in action each day at the world famous “Pikes Place Fish Market” in Seattle, WA.

Trindel Insurance Fund presents this engaging and enlightening program for all employees and critical for anyone in a leadership role. After this session you will be confident in your ability to create a more engaging and positive work environment.

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Lee Vining Community Center
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 am

Space in this class is limited to the first 40 RSVPs – Please save your spot with me via email smesserlian@mono.ca.gov. **You must have department head approval to attend.**

CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, Risk Manager, (760) 932-5405

South County November Employee Round Table – Tuesday, November 25th, 2014 at Sierra center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers. Due to schedule madness, we are having the South County Employees Roundtable on Tuesday, November 25th at 8:30am at the Sierra center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers! Come on by and touch base – as always, coffee and donuts we will provide and will be good preparations for the Thanksgiving festivities later in the week!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

All staff Holiday Party to be held on December 17th in Lee Vining! It’s always good to mix it up a bit so this year rather than having our split staff North and South holiday party – we are going to host the first all staff Holiday party!

On December 17th from 1:30 pm to 4:00pm we will have our annual potluck and employee appreciation event. We are making it later in the day for folks to be able to travel and enjoy the fellowship of all of the employees who can make it.

This event will be a late lunch and give folks the time to enjoy each other meet some new faces. Department heads will be helping underwrite the cost of the event. Stay tuned for more details and pencil in December 17th for a time to come together in Lee Vining!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

The Strategic Plan moving forward! – On November 13th at 4:00pm, the Ambassadors and Steering Committee Crew met and shared the feedback from the first wave of department meetings. We were joined via phone by Beth Conley who is taking that feedback and incorporating into the next draft. Below we have some additional meetings coming up.



We are keeping the focus on taking your ideas and getting them into the Draft. Once we have been through in hearing from all of you we go to the Board and then to the community for additional input. It is moving along and the information and participation is critical.

Here are some additional Department or program meeting where we are still getting great feedback:

<u>Dept/Program</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
1) <i>Facilities</i>	<i>Erin/Jason</i>
2) <i>Benton Landfill</i>	<i>Erin/Dylan</i>
3) <i>EMS</i>	<i>Stacie K./Ted</i>
4) <i>Community Development</i>	<i>Megan/Kirk</i>
5) <i>Clerk's Office/Assessor's Office</i>	<i>Megan/Kirk</i>
6) <i>Benton Road Shop</i>	<i>Erin/Dylan</i>
7) <i>District Attorney</i>	<i>Stacie K.</i>

Next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday December 4th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Public Works

Public Works Kudos!

I wanted to personally acknowledge and thank Public Works and other county staff who have recently shown their dedication and high level of service to our county:

1. **Jerry VandeBrake and Matt Davis** for their efforts at the Antelope Valley Elementary School's "Touch a Truck" event on November 15th. "Touch a Truck" is a unique and interactive event that allows children to see, touch, and safely explore their favorite big trucks and heavy machinery, as well as to meet the personnel who protect, serve, and build the community. Many other agencies (including Caltrans and Marines etc.) sent equipment as well. Thanks to Jerry and Matt for your community support!
2. **Stacey Simon** for ensuring Public Works staff have the proper contract administration training as it is invaluable for all PW staff and their projects.
3. **Terry Underwood and Mary Clark** for their thorough work on a difficult timesheet process this pay period.
4. **Vianey White** for a successful completion of the Topaz Lane Bridge Project. She had the final walk through with Caltrans today and they were satisfied the project was completed as per the design.

Regards,



Jeff Walters

Public Works Director/Director of Road Operations and Fleet Services

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Sheriff's Office

1. Staff attended and participated in the Antelope Valley Elementary School gathering this past weekend.
2. Staff attended the CSSA custody/court conference in Sacramento.
3. Jennifer Hansen continued with the Grant Instruction by Chief Humiston.
4. K-9 Tara and Deputy Callinan assisted MLPD with narcotic sniff(s) in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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Social Services

Open Enrollment Begins Tomorrow, November 15! Open enrollment for 2015 health insurance plans through Covered California begins Nov. 15, 2014, and ends Feb. 15, 2015. More than 1.3 million Californians chose health insurance through Covered California during its historic first open-enrollment period, for coverage in 2014. Millions of others learned that they qualified for free or low-cost health coverage through



Medi-Cal. Covered California will later announce adult and family dental options available through Covered California, along with health insurance options for small businesses.

Consumers can now use the 2015 Shop and Compare Tool on the Covered California website, at www.CoveredCA.com/shopandcompare/#calculator, to look at plans and products in our area and to get a preliminary estimate of costs and premium assistance. Medi-Cal enrollment for those with qualifying incomes is available year-round. To see if you qualify for Medi-Cal, or for questions in about health insurance coverage in general, call our office at 760-924-1770. We're happy to help!

CONTACT: Francie Avitia, Program Manager, (760) 924-1789

Health Reform Resources - Answers to ACA Questions: On the eve of the second open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act, the Kaiser Family Foundation released an updated collection of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) providing detailed answers for consumers, and the navigators and brokers who assist them. The searchable collection includes nearly 300 up-to-date responses, answering new questions about plan renewal, cancellations, and continuing financial assistance.



The FAQs also offer guidance for understanding 2014 federal income taxes in the context of the health law, addressing potential penalties for not obtaining coverage, exemptions to the individual mandate, and other subjects. Answers have been updated to key questions about how the law applies to the marketplace and Medicaid eligibility, and offers guidance for immigrants, people with variable incomes and others in special situations.

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763

Staff from Reno Veterans Administration coming to Bishop - December 6, 2014, 9:30 to 12:00 pm, Bishop City Hall. Information will be provided on medical and mental health services in Reno, NV, and in our local town! Registration for My Health-e-Vet & E-benefits.



Please RSVP to icvso@inyocounty.us or call 760-873-7850.

Veterans and their families; this is a one-time event. Please be there!

CONTACT: Yvette Mason, 760/873-7850



Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action - Upcoming Food Distribution: Dates for mobile food pantry. Please be advised that due to holiday closures, food distribution dates in November for the mobile food pantry will be held on the following dates:

Mobile Food Bank , Thurs Nov 20:

Walker ~ 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Antelope Valley Senior Center, 399 Mule Deer Rd

Bridgeport ~ 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Medical Clinic, 1000 Twin Lakes Rd

Lee Vining ~ 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Murphy's Trailer Park, Space #8

Mobile Food Bank Fri Nov 21:

Mammoth Lakes ~ 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mammoth Creek Park on Old Mammoth Rd

June Lake ~ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 120 Alderman St

CONTACT: IMACA Main office at (760) 873-8557

2014 WISH TREE - Beginning Friday, November 7, 2014 IMACA will have applications for the annual Wish Tree Program available. This program provides holiday gifts to children 13 years of age and younger who are in low income households throughout Inyo County and the Chalfant Valley.

Applications are available:

- In Bishop: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the IMACA office (218 S. Main St)
- In Lone Pine: Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the IMACA office (120 S. Main Street in the Chamber of Commerce Courtyard)
- If you would like the application mailed to you, please call 1-800-541-1822 or 760 873-3001

Completed applications **must be returned** by **Monday, November 24, 2014**.

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