

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ROADSHOW



Wednesday, March 13th – Central Humboldt
Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501

Round Table Discussion Notes

During each Roadshow, members of the community visited one-on-one with their elected officials and representatives from several county departments for extended roundtable discussions. The feedback received during these discussions has been transcribed and compiled here.

Dept of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

Connie Beck

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Focus on prevention and resilience will have long term effects (but will take time)
- It's working – need to continue as requires culture change

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Partnership with First 5/Aces
- Cross-Sector communication and partnerships (hard to sustain)

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Point in Time (PIT) Count: "Fuzzy Training"
- Housing for trafficked individuals
- Cross-Generational substance use disorder treatment (moms/dads keeping kids with them)
- Leverage opioid money for poly-substance use

Other Ideas?

- Jacobs Junior High, Kmart & Truck Stops are potential places for housing/shelter – what's been explored?
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) has a prudent reserve
- Dr. Burk Harris (CA Surgeon General) planning a Humboldt Visit
- 20k allocation for trafficking - wants it again for next fiscal
- Universal approach for juveniles: positive activities/diversion

Agriculture

Jeff Dolf

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Ensures that products sold in Humboldt are accurately accounted for, weighed, and measured
- Environmental safety and compliance
- Sun Valley – Reduction/elimination of their pesticide use
- Educating the community on what we (Ag) do.

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Regulating cannabis industry and preventing environmental degradation

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Educate community on what we do

Other Ideas?

- Increase biomass energies
- Seal level rise – preserve agriculture land and improve quality (planning)

Sheriff

William Honsal

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Drug Task Force
- Jail – Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Coroner

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Drug Task Force
- Biggest drug bust
- Jail programs
- Console – Dispatch

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Need help with transitions for Jail release
- Public education – tell story
- Drop in center
- ACES and Human trafficking funding

Other Ideas?

- Training deputies in trauma informed care
- OES/EOC

Public Works

Tom Mattson

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Overlays
- Culverts
- Storm damage
- Measure Z

- SB1
- Smoother Road
- Public Information officer
- Curb ramps and other ADA
- Increasing Communication

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Social Media for getting info out
- Working on roads

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Getting more information out about contacts for those w/o social media
- Cedar Street in Cutten needs love
- Improving park access
- Funding for skilled staff

Other Ideas?

- Who will end up with track? New state agency
- Looking into viability of rails – bikes
- How do you decide on diversion money for trails?
- Clam Beach South entrance needs improvement - bridge (goal 2.2 a/b)

Aviation

Cody Roggatz

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Direct flights to Denver and beyond
- Direct flights to LAX

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Destinations other than SFO (LAX/DEN)
- How expensive would it be to enhance and increase commercial service at Rohnerville Airport (what could be done to address above)
- Is there a way to help UAV drone service companies to get BULOS exemptions from the FAA?

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Delays/cancelations when flying to SFO
- More competitive rate
- Competition from other airlines
- Revenue from other sources

Other Ideas?

- Direct to RED, Medford
- Focus on LAX as a hub rather than SFO
- Commitment from next airline to reimburse if they bail

- Fail Cal FIRE tankers locally

Economic Development

Scott Adair

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Educational programs for career development
- Helping small businesses succeed
- Encouraging and fostering partnerships
- Involving public in outreach to public officials

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Economic incubator projects
- “Lemonade Days” – helps kids develop entrepreneurship early
- Trades academy
- Continuing to maintain and upgrade existing infrastructure

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Where are diversified economic strategies so our revenue sources come from many places in the future – perhaps ecotourism?
- Innovation incubation
- Fostering entrepreneurship
- Affordable housing (for workforce)
 - Infrastructure permitted or ready ahead of time

Other Ideas?

- Let’s recruit doctors in their 50s with experience, who are looking to retire after 10 years here (maybe part-time) in paradise
- Promote businesses doing ecotourism (and cannabis?)
- Local business expo at the library
- Mass timber/using forest “by-product” from forest to create modular, low cost housing
- Environmental tech (micro, hydro, etc.)

Planning & Building

John Ford

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Community driven development
- Looking at housing in different way
 - Communal
 - Intergenerational
- Re-use of existing structures
 - Incentives
 - Provision of grants

- Climate resilient projects
- Better housing data
 - Knowing what we have and what we need
 - Limitations of parcel quest
- Online solar permit
 - Money of processing – reduce barriers
 - Model submittal form for new construction
- Reduce fees for non-profits that need planning data

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

Other Ideas?

Probation

Shaun Brenneman

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Working with probation for employment programs

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- PBIS → will fit into updated juvenile hall
- BPs → addresses ACES
- Re-entry work

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Funding residential tax – drug Medi-Cal
- CSES
- Employing justice involved individuals

Other Ideas?

- Working with First 5 to reduce ACES in incarcerated families
- Collaboration with non-profits to serve trafficked individuals in a unique environment to meet their needs
- How to make transition of DJJ to DHHS a positive

Other Comments

- Fix the IHHS registry – Please
- Economy

