

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ROADSHOW



Wednesday, March 20th – Southern Humboldt
Benbow KOA Campground Village Hall
7000 Benbow Drive, Garberville, CA 95542

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?

- Mental Health Triage grants for schools
- Make sure we advertise the school position in Southern Humboldt.
- Redwoods Rural Health Care ACEs Grant!
- 0-8 ACEs Intervention!
- Child Welfare Services: BIG improvements it's night and day

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Family Resource Center (FRC) - Amy T. has social work interns

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Measure S funding for schools, youth, FRC, treatment
- Opioid prevention (young and early)
 - Keep staffing in Southern Humboldt
- Opioid prevention case worker in Southern Humboldt
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) related organizations covered 0-8 (yrs.) covered, 9-15 (yrs.) gap??
- Tenant-based rental assistance
- More trafficking efforts – education, housing
- Trauma-informed response “Trafficking 101”
- Consistent early intervention – not grant funded

Other Ideas?

- Money for wastewater capacity for single family residential equivalents (SFRE) – Redway

Community Services District (CSD)

- Pre-permitted Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) = investment pool to encourage ADUs
- Parenting classes
- More:
 - First 5 funding in Southern Humboldt
 - Family Support Specialist @FRC
- 75% of First 5 funding for Southern Humboldt required refund (not DHHS, First 5)
- Training for elderly (support) in Shelter Cove
- Make our ACEs numbers prominent so we can focus multiple communities and resources around it to improve them.
- Liaison (like CASA) for children with high ACEs
- Fund Housing Trust Fund.
- Stop using unused Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds for the General Fund
- Create an investment pool in partnership with Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) for homeowners to borrow against to construct ADUs for use with houseless population
- Fixed rate borrowing to address PERs cost fluctuations (CAO?)

Agriculture

Jeff Dolf

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Taking our California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) inspections
- Sealing scales
- Operator Identification and P.A.C. (potentially meaning Pesticide Control Adviser?)

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Great customer service
- Established working relationships

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- IN-Field pesticide testing
- Clarity on nursery square footage

Other Ideas?

- HEMP
 - Clarified An./testing
 - Female only seeds/clone only
 - Pilot program
 - Registry 2-5-mile radius between CBD/THC
 - Flowering hemp program
 - Pre-harvest testing → post-harvest testing
 - Hemp pilot program – random selection, approximately 25 growers

Sheriff

William Honsal

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Vehicle Abatement

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- N/A

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- N/A

Other Ideas?

- Mobile mental health
- Resident deputy
- Homeless camps and transient
- Recruit more local deputies
- MIST
- Focus on child abuse intervention
- Ron Machado
- Mental Health
- SVP John Cooley
- Mental health
- Human Trafficking

Public Works

Tom Mattson

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Measure Z and SB1 funding – need more

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- More funding for SB1 and Measure Z

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Measure S funds need to go to the community to fix local roads
 - Alder Point Rd, Ettersburg area
 - Telegraph Ridge
 - Thomas Rd
- Clear ditches to protect or reestablish roads
- Hire more people to do work
- Fix edges, pullouts, part of roadwork
- Repair crosswalks
- Future walkability study of Garberville and Redway

Other Ideas?

- Improve broadband
- How do you prioritize the work?
 - Storm damage – FEMA, FHWA, State OES,
 - Condition – Keep good roads good
 - # of people using
- What happened to the counters?

- Use different types – others were vandalized
- Volunteers might be needed to help

Aviation

Cody Roggatz

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- N/A

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Additional flights

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Lower rates
- Competitive rates

Other Ideas?

- Sacramento flights
 - County staff meetings
- What can citizens do to help?
- Build up community around flights

Economic Development

Scott Adair

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Community engagement between individuals

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Canna-Tourism
- Project trellis (future)

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Internet for:
 - Businesses
 - Tourists
- Broadband
 - Where is it
 - How do businesses tap into it?
- What are government regulations around marketing?

Other Ideas?

- Inspire folks to reinvest in community
- Schools and after-school programs

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Given us hope with new ideas for housing and homeless crisis
- Permitting process for older structures BUT abatement letters are scary
- Code enforcement has been positive

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Would like to learn more about the Safe Homes program
 - It enables a path to permit previously unpermitted housing units after the fact
- How does the Safe Homes program relate to zoning restrictions?
 - Specific permits may be available. This is handled case by case
- Outreach – plan to open office in Redway

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Return tax money revenues proportionally to the source of that revenue (i.e. southern Humboldt)
- PW has a history if inconsistent approvals of submitted plans resulting from the use of outside agencies
 - PW should consider having an engineer for in-house planning and approvals
- PW should consider recognizing the municipal advisory committee in southern Humboldt that is being organized now.

Other Ideas?

- Emergency camping/affordable housing ordinance, effective prior to fire season
 - Coordination/relief for state campgrounds and parks that close in winter
 - Include specific language on warming and campfires in the ordinance
- How can you address challenges with:
 - Reporting/getting enforcement on public nuisance/squatters/drugs/illegal activities happening in your community/neighborhood?
- When/Where is the Housing Elements Meeting?

Probation

Shaun Brenneman

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- N/A

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Re-Entry
- Drug Treatment (Tx) prior to conviction
 - Who would fund that?
- Mental health on top of addiction
- Funding for Drug Medi-Cal

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Residential Treatment (Tx)
- Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Cognitive- Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

Other Ideas?

- Arcata House partnership