

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ROADSHOW



Wednesday, March 27th – Northern Humboldt

Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road

McKinleyville, CA 95519

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?

- In general, HDDS lifts up children and families
- Support for Betty Chin helps community
- The 3 areas (ACEs, housing, opioid use) & DHHS making upstream effort

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- The RFP (Request for Proposal) that will be released regarding Board and Care

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- More Mental Health rehabs, detoxes, in Northern Humboldt
- Multiple mentions:
 - Strengthening continuum of care including dual diagnosis (Substance Use Disorder and mental health)
- Additional permanent supportive housing
- How do we create emergency shelters to meet community need without designated funding or available flexible funding?

Other Ideas?

- ACEs training/trauma informed training for providers
- Sustainable funding for ACEs
- Incentivize sober living and other private services – Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder
- Are there opportunities to contract our services versus providing directly?

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Large amount of drugs removed from the street (still seeing crime increase – need resources)
- Funding for radio infrastructure secured
- Options for those needing help → have jail beds available

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- ATV/Trail patrol
- Truancy policing – child/parent discipline
- Reference cards for inmates
- ACEs training for officers → tell story once – limit trauma
- Parent project through many avenues

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- (Large amount of drugs removed from the street) still seeing crime increase – need resources
- Consolidated dispatch – get HAMM ops
- Look at addition in a different way – long term established treatment standards → find funding
- How do you help those who don't want help?
- Stop using meds to treat addiction
- Improved lighting
- Provide support/advocate for those addicted
- Working to provide treatment in jail
- Worry/fatigue/expensive – getting worse
- Report abuse! Educate
- Work with child advocates to develop resources
- Increase sheriff pay/retention bonus
- How can we help mitigate on a county level the negative impacts of Prop 47/57 and AB107?

Other Ideas?

- Alternative (herbal) treatment
- Human Trafficking Grant
- How can child advocates help?
- Documentary “Heal” and “Seattle is Dying”

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Improved cross walks in school zones on McKinleyville Avenue and Railroad
- Using website helpful

- Trail on Fisher – Keep pedestrian from vehicles

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Website still needs improvement
- ADA funding for curb ramps
- More bike lanes needed

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Bump outs on central avenue
- Park avenue needs attention
- Grace Street also needs attention
- Getting more funds from State and Fed
- Getting more people to engage – come to Mc-MAC (McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee)
- Partner with non-profits
- No feedback from website
- The section of central from Caltrans to Anna Sparks, Especially at Bella Vista
- Low impact roadway – Hiller Road
- Bike lanes, pedestrian – storm water
- More bike lanes

Other Ideas?

- Cutting trees to make marking lot for McKay (Park)
- Does Public Works do lighting? – service district
- Safety limits people getting out

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
- Additional funding and jobs

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Affordable
- Increase locations (flights to) Sacramento, Portland, International

Other Ideas?

- Cost Comparison
- Additional great funding
- Restaurant possible

Economic Development

Scott Adair

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- N/A

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Additional facilities for substance abuse and health services
 - Lighter restrictions?

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- State of the art Health Services
- Services for Mental Health and Drug abuse – more facilities
- Hoopa Hemp program?

Other Ideas?

- Increase social media presence
- Bridge norther and southern Humboldt
- Help hemp and CBD business (small farmers, AH hemp) Trellis
- Strategic Arts/cultural programs in McKinleyville
- Community center input by community
- Living wage jobs for home healthcare providers
- Celebrations between various players in the county
- Manufacturing small homes
- Social enterprise system
- Lobby legislation for road /airports/public transportation
- Support of Hemp (female only, non-seed/fiber)/2-mile barrier
- Fire resistant building materials (using legging by product)/Hemp-Crete)
- By products of hemp (hempcrete)
- Others uses of hemp byproducts
- Help very small operators in cannabis (2500 sq. ft., seniors, etc.), zero generators, light
- Help focus on groups growers who have been in the area longer
- Work with Planning and Building on permitting for cannabis
- Streamline regulations (cannabis)
 - People are giving up

Planning & Building

John Ford

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Helpful – County Line Ranch

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- Online access to information

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Rent control
- Control vacation rentals
- Incentives to maintain rentals for residents
- Protect cannabis economy
- Educate property owners about programs

Other Ideas?

- SROs
- Using recycled plastic for housing – 3D printers
- Explore cost of preside development in affordable housing

Probation

Shaun Brenneman

How Have You Been Helped by Department Strategies?

- Daughter helped by keeping close contact with probations
- Video conferencing

Which Strategies Have Contributed to Positive Changes in the Community?

- School Attendance Court
- Strong support systems and staying in touch with probation can help overcome addiction
- ACEs – working with adults to stop ACEs from occurring with their kids.
- For the kids – diversions and access to pro-social activities

Which Strategies Need Additional Attention? What May be Missing?

- Responsiveness to drugs/shoplifting
- A mechanism to address addiction before involvement in crime
- Housing and basic necessities
- Upcoming Arcata House project

Other Ideas?

- Juvenile Hall construction
- Human Trafficking database – how can this help probation?
 - Another grant to collect and analyze data
- Concern about limiting access for kids to food if bill passes to take food stamps from parents using drugs