

**STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2016
TIME: 8:30 - 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Sutter Health Education and Conference Center • Suite 60B
1700 McHenry Avenue • Modesto CA

INTENTIONS: Review feedback from November Strategic Directions session
Begin planning for 2017

1. **Opening session** 8:30
 - a. Welcome • Check-in
 - b. Focus for today

2. **Strategic Directions session**
 - a. Small group discussion summaries
 - b. Feedback summaries
 - c. Next steps
3. **Stewardship Council**
 - a. Expectations for members
 - b. Replacing vacancies
 - c. 2017 meeting dates
4. **Funding** for 2016 and 2017
5. Movement to reduce and prevent **Homelessness: Update**
6. **Closing session**
 - a. Assessment of meeting
 - b. Final reflections
7. **Adjourn** for the day At or before 12:00 Noon

Gradients of Agreement

How much do we support the proposal?

Endorse	Endorse with minor point of contention	Agree with some hesitation	Abstain	Stand aside	Disagree but will support the majority	Disagree and don't want to help implement	Can't go forward
<i>I like it.</i>	<i>Basically I like it.</i>	<i>I can live with it.</i>	<i>I have no opinion.</i>	<i>I don't like this, but I won't hold up the group.</i>	<i>I want my disagree- ment recorded, but I'll support the decision.</i>	<i>I won't stop anyone else, but I don't want to make this happen.</i>	<i>We have to continue working.</i>

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION INITIATIVE
OUR PRIORITY RESULTS AND DRAFT INDICATORS FOR OUR NEXT POPULATION**

The five Focus on Prevention results are:

1. Our families are healthy—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
2. Our families are supported by strong and safe neighborhoods and communities.
3. Our children and young people are getting a first-rate education—from cradle to career.
4. Our families are participating in and supported by a healthy economy.
5. Our families and neighbors who are homeless, or are at risk of homelessness, permanently escape homelessness.

For each of these results, the Advisory Group has identified a *draft list of* indicators that will help us assess whether the wellbeing of **individuals who are, or have been, involved in the criminal or juvenile justice systems and their families** is improving. We will work with the emerging Action Councils to refine this list and begin building data systems to help us track progress over time.

Individuals who are, or have been, engaged in criminal justice systems and their families:

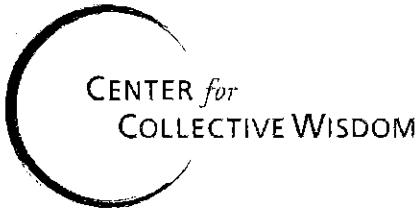
Are healthy—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.	
1	% of our new population diagnosed as obese
2	% of residents who have access to the services and supports they need to support their mental health and wellbeing
3	% of youth who have important adults in their lives who love them unconditionally and hold them to high expectations
4	% of residents who feel they have a sense of meaning and purpose in life

Are connected to strong and safe neighborhoods and communities.	
1	Neighborhood crime statistics
2	% who know and support their neighbors
3	% who have at least five people they can call on for support and that they provide support to
4	# and % who volunteer in neighborhood schools (including those who do not have children in the schools)

Are getting a first-rate education—from cradle to career.	
1	% of children assessed as ready for kindergarten
2	% of children reading at grade level by 3rd grade
3	% of 9th graders who graduate from high school in four years
4	% of high school graduates who enter post-secondary education and/or vocational training within one year of graduation

Are experiencing economic wellbeing .	
1	Unemployment rate
2	Some measure of underemployment • Full employment
3	Poverty level
4	Living in safe, affordable housing

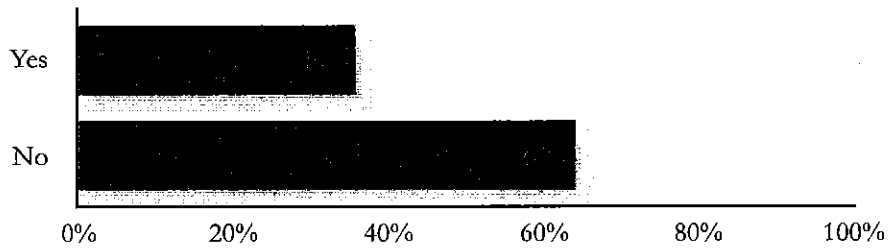
Permanently escape homelessness .	
1	# of people experiencing homelessness
2	Average length of time someone is homeless
3	% of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are accessing resources to improve their wellbeing
4	% of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness experiencing improved wellbeing: physical, mental, economic, relational, and spiritual wellbeing
5	Safety of parks and neighborhoods negatively impacted by people engaging in anti-social and criminal behavior who struggle with homelessness
6	Occurrences of public anti-social behavior committed by—and toward—people struggling with homelessness



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Summary of Feedback to Strategic Directions Session • November 15, 2016

1. This was my first Focus on Prevention meeting.

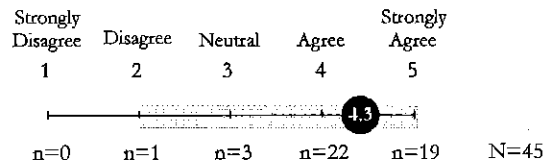
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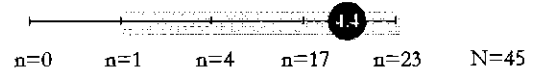
Key: Range of responses (line) Mean (circle) n: Frequency N: Total

2. After this gathering, I have a better understanding of the essential orientations for Focus on Prevention:

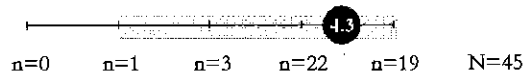
a. Focusing on prevention and root causes



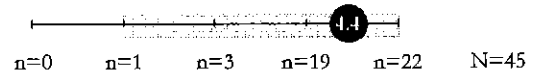
b. Doing this together



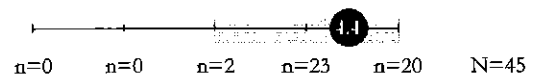
c. Committing to learning and mutual accountability for results



d. Committing to this effort for the long haul

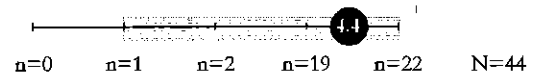


3. I am excited by this next direction for Focus on Prevention.

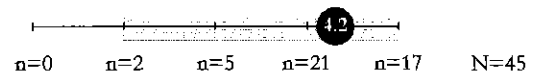


4. This gathering was:

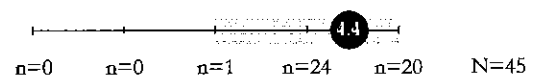
a. A good first step in this process.



b. A good use of the group's time.



5. I am looking forward to the next steps in this process.



6. My key learnings from this gathering:

N=32

a. **Progress with Focus on Prevention overall • Next direction of the effort** (n=16). Comments include:

- 1) How imperative it is to focus on prevention rather than attempting to fix at later stages.
- 2) How the process is designed to work.
- 3) I learned what direction Focus on Prevention wants to go.
- 4) It is evident that quite a bit of work has transpired in the past year behind the scenes.
- 5) Status update.
- 6) Strengthening families is the next step, and the specific focus of that next step is families that have had some sort of run-in with the legal system.
- 7) That the focus is narrowing to a certain population, those associated with the criminal justice system.
- 8) That we can in fact find common ground and common language to work with families who have had experience with the criminal justice system.
- 9) There is consensus on the next steps and on the new focus.
- 10) Understanding the severity of the problem related to families and the criminal justice system.
- 11) Understanding the FOP progress thus far.
- 12) Update on the Focus on Prevention effort.
- 13) The philosophy of the program in general as I had never heard of it before.
- 14) The roots of preventing future bad behaviors in our youth.
- 15) There are a few main focal points that when addressed could have a broad, positive impact on the issue of homelessness in our county.
- 16) There is definitely a need for this population.

b. **A sense of togetherness in this effort • Community involvement** (n=7). Comments include:

- 1) We are not alone, there is more involvement.
- 2) Different perspectives.
- 3) The buy-in from so many sectors, not just government. The entire community will be focusing in on one aspect of our ailments at a time and will be vested for the long haul.
- 4) Resources of others that are working toward the common goal.
- 5) That it takes a whole community and different sectors coming together to make a difference and change.
- 6) The whole community working together.
- 7) To continue outreach to the many more neighborhoods in the city to let them know about the Focus on Prevention Initiative.

c. **Understanding of data** (n=4). Comments include:

- 1) Data knowledge
- 2) It was interesting to see the data begin to fill in our understanding of this population.
- 3) Extent of incarceration and its family impacts in the county.
- 4) Looking at the emerging data for this next population focus.

d. **Other** (n=8). Comments include:

- 1) I understand much of the gathering was about "buying in" to this subject/topic. I am just not sure how much I "learned" from this event.
- 2) I'm going to have to get a lot better at listening to other points of view in the room!
- 3) My first time so I was trying to simply listen and learn.
- 4) Seemed to be a repeat of other gatherings.
- 5) That this is even on the county's radar and I'm thrilled.
- 6) The human factor of this population stood out more than ever. Also, that our society's efforts are countering the FOP efforts in legalizing marijuana and letting felons out of jail (mercy can't rob justice!). We have work to do.
- 7) The need to bring new attendees up to speed.
- 8) We will build a strong base as we did with Homelessness.

7. What worked well during this gathering:

N=33

a. **Table discussions** (n=19). Sample comments include:

- 1) We received data, overview, etc., then we actively discussed in small groups. and listening to comments from the similar entities.
- 2) Gathering around tables in like-minded groups for discussion.
- 3) I believe this set up by group works better in terms of sharing ideas, efforts
- 4) Table discussions and getting connected with others.
- 5) The opportunity to listen and share ideas.

b. **Design, facilitation, and flow of the gathering** (n=10). Sample comments include:

- 1) The overall flow of the gathering.
- 2) Excellent facilitation!
- 3) Good mixture of presentations and group work.
- 4) Presentations with power-points and hand-outs.
- 5) Overall the pacing of the event was really good. Lots of information well shared.

c. **Speakers • Personal stories/testimonials** (n=9). Sample comments include:

- 1) Inspirational speeches.
- 2) Hearing from some of the Focus on Prevention leaders, especially Stan Risen and Terry Withrow.
- 3) Stories—Peter's story was amazing! We need to hear real people's stories of impact.
- 4) The testimony was very inspiring and moving.
- 5) Personal view points were powerful and moving.

d. **Engagement of multiple sectors and community members** (n=8). Sample comments include:

- 1) Good conversation with community leaders of all different perspectives.
- 2) I appreciated the time to gather by sector after hearing presentations.

- 3) Bringing together of different social and service groups.
- 4) Exposure to a variety of interests and opinions.
- 5) Time to connect with other members of community. I truly enjoyed the opportunity to talk to strangers about why I was there and also the passive/responsive approach.

e. **Data about the next population for Focus on Prevention** (n=2). Comments include:

- 1) Finding out about some of the data.
- 2) The introduction of the new population that is to be addressed.

f. **Other** (n=2). Comments include:

- 1) People are more sensitive and aware about the need in our communities. Good participation.
- 2) The clarity regarding the focus areas and the vision.

8. What could be improved in future gatherings: N=26

a. **Inviting more people** (n=5). Comments include:

- 1) Invite even more people and have better marketing. This is such a worthy cause and more people need to be at the table.
- 2) Invite others to the table that should be there (e.g., law enforcement).
- 3) Continue to bring community organizations to the table.
- 4) We need more representation from education, including pre-K, K-12, and higher education.
- 5) Representation of youth

b. **Shortening the length of the whole or parts of the gathering** (n=4). Sample comments include:

- 1) It felt like there was a large percentage of time spent reviewing and it would have been great to dig into the main purpose sooner than 1h 30min into the event.
- 2) Much shorter. These meetings could be 8:30-10:30a, or at least finished by 11:30a. Did you notice a mass exodus by 11:15a? Less speakers, more concise data, shorter review information, shorter discussion times. The speakers did a great job staying on point, but too much of a good thing is still too much.

c. **Extending the length of the whole or parts of the gathering** (n=2). Comments include:

- 1) It felt like we ran out of time a bit at the end, maybe starting sooner?
- 2) More time allotted for the speakers.

d. **Taking action and following up on next steps** (n=3). Comments include:

- 1) More take away assignments
- 2) New information. It's time to implement some of these plans instead of just meeting about them.
- 3) The follow up process on how to help and strengthen our community.

e. **No suggestions for improvement** (n=2).

Comments include:

- 1) Everyone's doing a good job.
- 2) It was well organized so I don't have any input here.

f. **Other** (n=10). Comments include:

- 1) Again, since this was my first time I was committed to listening and trying to learn and understand.
 - 2) Diversifying the food options to include some healthier food would be great.
 - 3) How to access some of the services available.
 - 4) Keep doing testimonials - that's what makes an issue real to people. Super important to know the faces, names, families and stories about the numbers and statistics we're talking about. Families and the criminal justice system is not an abstract/statistical issue, it's a human issue. Stories humanize our approach. Thank you for this amazing work and opportunity.
 - 5) It was very difficult to hear/concentrate due to the noise from next door and even more difficult to hear once we broke into small groups. Maybe a different venue would help.
 - 6) Focus on one problem before tackling others.
 - 7) Table set ups were awkward when looking forward at presenters.
 - 8) Much more concrete information about success and resources for the previous focus on homelessness.
 - 9) I trust you.
 - 10) The questions seemed to be more for students than participant leaders
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9. Any final reflections

N=24

a. **Appreciation** (n=9). Sample comments include:

- 1) I'm appreciative of the efforts that go into this, especially that people are willing to spend an entire morning at a meeting. We must respect their time.
- 2) I'm thankful to be a part of this and I am looking forward to this next [step in the] initiative.
- 3) Thank you for a finely facilitated meeting. It was extremely productive!
- 4) Totally appreciate the work you are all doing to lead us! Fantastic job. It was a great day! So thankful for you all.
- 5) I was impressed by the diversity of people and backgrounds.
- 6) Excellent meeting.
- 7) This work is so important, even the simple idea of "there is no other," in this time of social and political divisiveness that has the potential to further exacerbate poverty and homelessness.

b. **Reflections and hopefulness about next steps** (n=8). Comments include:

- 1) I look forward to attending the next one and to begin the actual work of strengthening families tied to the prison system, especially as it relates to teens.
- 2) Excited to see progress, energized by the momentum, hopeful for the future.
- 3) Really looking forward to being engaged and involved in this movement!
- 4) I am going to continue to stay on track with the work on Homelessness and housing. I like the idea of this next step in the process, because it broadens the base to better our community. I see these two areas under the Title of IN ACTION.
- 5) Change will come with consistency and time.
- 6) Looking forward to this wonderful journey
- 7) Keep us posted where we are in terms of planning and how we can come to the next meeting with something and prepare.
- 8) My hope is that we do not see interest dwindle as meetings continue and nothing significant occurs.

d. **Other** (n=8). Comments include:

- 1) Curious to know how we talk about racial profiling in this context, where the arrests are taking place, demographics of those arrests and the recidivism rate in Stanislaus County.
- 2) I have been working with families of inmates and juvenile inmates for almost 20 years (as a volunteer). About 3 years ago, I put together a team of people and began also focusing on elementary/middle school age children of the incarcerated (past & present). I started a non-profit called Beyond the Walls for Kids, support groups for these children. The need is HUGE.
- 3) Always including a testimonial.
- 4) Still a bit skeptical on how effective this is going to be.
- 5) I really think engagement is going to be much more difficult with this group. This group is much more action-oriented given the # of law enforcement in the room when compared to the homeless action council.
- 6) I hope we hear from those who have been directly affected by the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- 7) I would like to see a stronger representation of the Faith Community. They are key to "infiltrating" the community.
- 8) Point in time count needs to be done later in the morning when people are out and about. They hide when they sleep and don't respond when a camp is found. If we continue to do so early we will never have an accurate count.

10. The sector(s) I belong to include:

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