

EASTER GROUP PHC DEBRIEF

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Present: Dorrie Farrell, Dave Nuetzel, Ted Laufenberg, and Mary Wegner

1. PRESIDENT REPORTS: Dorrie will represent Easter Group as a speaker at the Sitka Counseling Resource Training on Friday, 4/10/15. Dave and Evadne Wright will also be speakers representing their respective organizations. Also, Dorrie reported that Judy Ozment recently did a presentation for a group at the Presbyterian Church.

2. DISCUSSION OF 2015 PHC: Format, Results, Agency Interaction

- a) We reviewed the Financial Statement for 2015 PHC.
- b) We looked at the *Project Homeless Connect, 2015 – Debrief of Event* document to evaluate the level to which this year’s event was successful.

	Pros	Cons
2012-2014 PHCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was effective in raising awareness around the issues of homelessness • Offered community members the opportunity to volunteer; help the homeless population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though the event attracted more people than the 2015 event and more vouchers were issued, approximately the same number of vouchers were used regardless of the format
<p>2015 PHC</p> <p>Note: The reduction in numbers of participants may be due to the modified format this year and/or may be impacted by the fact that our lack of a shelter is forcing individuals to move out of Sitka thus lowering the overall population of homeless in Sitka.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the amount of effort we put into the event, the event was completely successful • The scaled back event allowed us to offer something, which is better than nothing • Modeled a way to provide a service to the homeless population, which could be a good throughout-the-year activity for us culminating with the big PHC event in January – once a month booth that rotates between the Salvation Army, Presbyterian Church, Pacific High School, St. Peter’s, YAS, Sitka Counseling, etc. • The sincerity of our offer – frequency in offering – may be a factor in helping people access our services in the future, and the new model may prove to be very beneficial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was not a PHC event – we need a new name for the new model, such as <i>Project Homeless Resource</i> • Population limited to those who eat lunch at the Salvation Army, which means we are missing many other groups (e.g., families, teenagers, etc.) • Missed opportunity to get information out to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless (e.g., housing, employment, etc.) • To our knowledge, no count of the homeless was conducted for Sitka other than what the school district reports for students • Does not welcome volunteers to be part of the process • Did not help us raise awareness about the needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless