

**North State ROOTS, Office of Civic Engagement (OCE)**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Meeting Notes**



Attendance: Marie Caldwell, Molly Calhoun, Holly Nevarez, Brandi Aranguren, Tanja Ramming, Kathy Garcia, Patrick Newell, Laurence Gammel, Enrique Galvan, Emilyn Sheffield

**Topics from the group:**

- Tanja (Modoc) talked about the importance of having Labs and access to high school courses: anatomy, physiology and microbiology which are pre reqs for most allied health majors.
- Molly (SWRK) talked about getting the grant to support distance social work. BSW and MSW will be offered more regularly
- Enrique (CSSC) will talk with RSC next week for a story about growing up with a strong pride of place and how that can look with youth depending on your access to resources.
- Tanja (Modoc) shared an activity where youth shared positive photos and negative photos about their community with city council.

**Recaps or updates:**

- Karen (CIVIC) shared takeaways from the UGA Rural Student Success Unconference ([Karen: notes](#))
- Youth Voice Leadership Institute March 2/3. Kathy (Tehama) shared how successful the workshop was, how well attended and great collaboration across a few counties and also among different roles. Participants were enthusiastic and invested. Strong workforce grant in Tehama will use this workshop to support that.
- Ann gave an update on the Civic affinity space on campus and ambassador projects: Power Hours in April students share campus resources, Choose Chico is 3/25, Ambassadors [webpage](#) is up!

**Discussion:**

[Collaboratory](#) – Do you know of partnership activities that you or others have done that aren't yet entered in our community engagement database? See [GBH](#) projects and [Camp Fire](#) activities.

**Reminder [RSVP](#): Tuesday, March 28 1:30-4:00 in the Meriam Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Research Commons**

Building Partnerships in the North State: Fostering Research Opportunities, Collaborations, and Community Engagement.

**Resources or News:**

- Civic Engagement April [film series on voting rights](#). Open to the public
- Rural communities want to tap federal funding. But it's hard to know where to start [NPR story](#)
- [Dr. Mohammed Albahtiti](#), Concrete Industry Management, is this year's recipient of the Early Career Community Engagement Award for his community service projects including a [Habitat for Humanity project in Paradise](#) and the [Chico Islamic Center parking lot project](#).
- [Dr. Sue Steiner](#), School of Social Work, has been recognized as this year's Civically Engaged Scholar. Most recently, Dr. Steiner launched [Home & Heart](#), an affordable housing solution that matches adults in Butte County who have a room to share, with individuals in need of affordable housing.

Meetings will be [on Zoom](#), Wednesdays 12-1, on the following dates:

Spring dates: April 12, May 1