

North State ROOTS, Office of Civic Engagement (OCE)

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Meeting Agenda

In attendance: Ann Schulte, Amy Magnus, Tatiana Ybarra, Patrick Newell, Susan Schroth, Laura Nice, Michael Kotar, Tanja Ramming, Emilyn Sheffield, Philip James, Kathy Garcia



Announcements/Updates

North State Together Summit recap: Susan Schroth from [NST](#) and other attendees:

- Connect, collaborate and contribute with Strive Together partners, national [Strive Conference](#) will be in Chicago.
- Connected with other regional partners; five counties ; 18 month strategic plan - pilot project, education workshops, trackers to accomplish goals
- Acquiring new space for NST community building in downtown Redding.
- Judy Flores from Shasta COE presented about working with tribes to support children: culturally sensitive lesson plans, what would honor tribes & teach children absenteeism- lot of native children chronically absent & built trust w/tribes Native students now have excused absences throughout CA for ceremonies.
- Tanya Ramming: friendly environment of conference, Modoc county had representatives from each region (2 of 3 areas had childcare centers shut down and received grant at the conference to help fund opening them up)

Sharing of final projects from Barbara Sudick's Design Thinking class: [Link](#) to all projects

- All Community Access Internet presentation- lack of internet access in small communities
Goal: Identify stakeholders, advertise, get local businesses involved, access free internet broadband
Provide three different perspectives of what having access to internet looks like to them in home, work and school
Service blueprint: what it would look like
- Also projects related to Outreach group for LGBTQIA, [Space for young creatives](#), work/study spaces

Discussion: How can these vignettes be used? Who can this be shown to? Scenario process replicated? Model for design thinking for youth, inspiration for young people, identity, community building, 1st generation students

The inaugural group of [Giving Back Home](#)- 6 students signed up for contributions back home

OCE awards:

- Cindy Daley- Community Engaged Scholar Award

- Early Career Community Engaged Faculty Awards: Amy Magnus (POLS) works with rural, vulnerable communities, capturing data and stories, Nathan Heggins-Bryant (ENGL) works with Mechoopda, with REACH service projects, and on film collaborations, and Marie Patterson (CMGT) women in construction management

Discussion:

1. In person celebration in May? Or keep it virtual?
 - Phillip James- Hybrid, in person for those who can make it with zoom option
 - Emily- Chico Flex capacity
 - Kathy Garcia – like to have one or two meetings a year in person
2. What do policy makers need to know about our region? Specifically, how might we engage more youth (e.g. our students or graduates) in positions of impact?

Tanja Ramming - AMY:

I would love for the state to support a community college branch with admin & student support in every county!

More telehealth services

I would also love for every rural school to be a [Community School](#)

Philip James-Glenn County:

For state and federal policy makers to make appearances at local rural public meetings to fully understand issues in small rural communities

For Prosecutors to be more aware of ACEs/trauma and the youth they are prosecuting

Amy Magnus - Chico State POLS, OCE:

Public transportation system that serves rural communities throughout the region.

I've also been thinking a lot about criminal justice system-impacted rural people and their pathway to education (high school, higher ed, etc.)

Legal services in rural communities... such as a self-help center and/or free legal advice

Patrick Newell -Library:

I'd like every hospital/care center in the Northstate to have access to medical journals/clinical books online. Currently, the doctors there are reaching out to medical libraries for access. And they usually can't be given it (unless they're faculty).

Michael Kotar CSU, Chico NorCal ELC:

I'd like to see great internet access for everyone who wants it, and much better understanding of rural areas/communities/schools that can translate to better planning and support.

Additional Resources

- [Fountains of Youth for Towns](#) – great examples of elevating youth engagement
- [Daily Yonder](#) has some really timely topics
- Series of free [Rural Equity webinars](#) (updated link)

Remaining Meetings

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

May TBA (Celebration in person TBA)