Healthy Sacramento Coalition
Policy Workgroup
August 22, 2012
Meeting Summary

Meeting Objectives:
1. Select a Chair and Vice Chair (or Co-Chair)
2. Schedule Meetings
3. Identify at least two key policies in place or being pursued in Sacramento County in the five strategic areas.

Glennah Trochet offered to facilitate the Policy Workgroup meeting. A concern was raised regarding the need for staff support to be provided to the workgroups. Fatima Malik, with Sierra Health Foundation, agreed to provide staff support during this Workgroup meeting. Karen Olson offered to take meeting notes.

1. Select a Chair and Vice Chair (or Co-Chair)
The following people were elected to serve as Chair and Co-Chair by a show-of-hands vote.
   Chair: Glennah Trochet
   Co-Chair: Rachael Rios

2. Schedule Meetings (meeting frequency, and regular meeting day and time)
The Workgroup decided to hold meetings monthly, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Meeting Format
An in-person meeting with a conference call/phone-in option is the preferred meeting format. However, members are urged to participate in person for the first few meetings so that members can become acquainted with each other.

Meeting Place
It was confirmed that Sierra Health Foundation’s large conference room is available on September 12 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Michael Negrete offered the California Pharmacists Association’s conference room for future meetings if needed. (California Pharmacists Association’s address is 4030 Lennane Drive, Sacramento, 95834)

Next meeting of the Policy Workgroup:
September 12, 2012 at 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Sierra Health Foundation
3. Identify at least two key policies in place or being pursued in Sacramento County in the five strategic areas.

The five strategic areas were reviewed:
   1. Health Eating/Active Living
   2. Clinical Preventive Services
   3. Tobacco Free Community
   4. Social and Emotional Well-Being
   5. Healthy and Safe Environment

Questions were raised regarding: the definition of policy; the parameters of the policy scan that will be conducted as a part of the Community Transformation (CT) planning phase; the role of the Policy Workgroup in policy related efforts; and the purpose of identifying two key policies in each of the five strategic areas.

It was suggested that the Workgroup take a broad view of policy, and include areas of environment and systems change. In the future, the Workgroup will discuss and decide on the group’s role. It was suggested that the Workgroup select policies that can be acted on first (more immediately), and propose these to the entire Sacramento Healthy Coalition.

Kimberly Bankston-Lee stated that new guidelines for groups funded with government funding regarding advocating/educating (versus lobbying) have been released. The Workgroup may want to review these new guidelines. Warren Barnes pointed out that the coalition as an entity may be restricted but individuals and agencies can advocate, and can be very effective advocates.

Monica Hernandez volunteered to create a survey to collect input from Workgroup members on policies in the 5 strategic areas.