Community Partnership/Resource Committee Minutes – October 9, 2012

Andrea Zeller welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She then provided a recap of what our committee does for those in attendance for the first time. The purpose of our committee is to bring together various organizations within the community where we can meet, put names with faces, get to know each other and the organizations we represent, as well as, to provide a platform to discover the plethora of resources we have available in our community. The committee was formed in January of 2011 with our first meeting held in February. Since the inception of our committee, we have learned a great deal about the many programs and services available in our community. Meetings have been monthly, but will now move to a quarterly schedule.

Ms. Ernst then addressed the committee and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves, state the name of their organization, and to share with the committee a positive summer experience. At the conclusion of these introductions, we will break for lunch.

Ms. Ernst introduced CC Communications employees, Beverly Crossland and Liz Orozco. Bev and Liz then conducted a presentation on the new changes regarding Managed Data Services, CC Communications newest service. After a brief description of the changes and what they will mean to the community, a video presentation further outlining the company's new direction was shown. Bev and Liz then reviewed the statistics and costs associated with data losses and breaches. CC Communications is eager to not only educate the public about this service, but to also work with the schools to educate the students on how, in this technologically advanced world, the management of this data affects everyone and to provide them insight into career possibilities. Liz mentioned to the group that there are tours available of the Data Center for those who are interested. Bev let everyone know that there were brochures and handouts on the front table for them and asked the group if there were any questions. Andrea Zeller asked about the cost of this service. Bev informed the committee that the first step would be to have a consultation to see what the needs of an organization or individual are, and then the cost would be reflective of what is needed.

Ms. Ernst introduced Monty Williams, Executive Director of the Nevada Statewide Native American Coalition; this is a partnership with 13 other coalitions statewide and has been in existence for seven years. The three Native American tribes in Northern Nevada are the Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone. Monty was very excited to inform the committee of the first ever state-funded prevention program for Native Americans in Nevada. This coalition serves 27 reservations and colonies statewide (Fallon has one colony and one reservation), and works with the urban population in Clark and Washoe counties. The goal of this coalition is to address the three following issues among the Native American population; Value of Education, Cultural Identity, and Accessibility to Drugs and Alcohol. Upon conducting research, the coalition has found that the materials available for substance abuse are not specific to our area. Pamphlets have been created and two videos have been produced to educate not only the Native American population, but those who work with them as well. In addition to the materials that have been produced, a media blitz has been undertaken, and a Nevada Tribal Chiefs of Police association has been created. Monty has also written a Young Native Men's Gathering

Program which is a program bringing cultural identity and ceremonial issues back into play. This ceremony helps to instill the young men's cultural identity and explain to them what is expected of them as a male member of their community. Copies of the pamphlets and videos were made available to the committee.

Holly Padilla, Coordinator, Churchill County Social Services then presented an Event Summary Report in regards to the Fallon Community Day. Stats for the event were presented to the committee. This presentation was followed with a brief discussion about the suggestions that have come about for next year's event. The committee is looking at changing the day of this event to the last Saturday in July, having all portions of the event at the same time, perhaps a shorter time, more advance notice, better publication of times, no competing events, better defined areas, more hair stylists, better location for e mergency vehicles, vendors closer together, clothes and school supplies closer to other vendors, more water to give away, air conditioning area for clothing give-away, no watering of grounds before event, better mapped out areas and mapped earlier, hosting the event at the new city/county facility located on Ventura, and changes made to the drop off locations for the clothing donations. Feedback on the band was a 50/50 split, the variety was good, and everyone was well pleased.

David Colburn, Elks Exalted Leader, then addressed the committee. The Elks have been awarded a \$2,000 grant which funds this event. This grant must be used by the end of July, and that is why the last weekend in July is being considered as the date. They are thinking that a time of 8AM-12N would be sufficient. They would also like to look into the DEA Prescription Round-Up for next year. In addition to the stats that were shared at the beginning, the Elks gave away between 800-900 snow cones. First step will be to pick a date at our January meeting and then begin planning.

Annalee Wadsworth, Community Clothing Give-Away, was okay with moving the date to the last Saturday in July. The idea of holding the event in June was not appealing as it will be too early. She was receptive to the idea of the clothing being held during the same time as the rest of the event. The Community Clothing Give-Away group welcomed the idea of holding the event at the new facility located on Venturacci. This location would allow for an air conditioned venue for them to host the clothing give-away. In regards to the need for volunteers to replace the boy scouts who would not be available this last weekend in July, mention was again made of the Elks being able to provide volunteers and that Natalie, with the Fallon Chamber of Commerce, is able to get volunteers from NAS Fallon to help, as well. A new drop off location was then discussed with the committee. Suggestions were made to have several drop off locations – the local schools, the school district office, the West End Center, the Methodist Church, etc. Ms. Ernst talked about the need for neat containers and areas that were checked/emptied on a regular basis so as not to upset the Mayor. It was also mentioned that one of the local sanitation companies might be able to donate a new, clean container for short-term use to collect the clothing.

Ms. Ernst then asked that each member go through the introduction process again, this time giving any updates on what is going on with their organizations; or for those who are new to the committee, letting everyone know what their organization is about.

New Frontier Treatment Center – There is a new Clinical Director on staff, Adriana Botello. They treatment offered is not just for those suffering substance abuse issues, but is also for children, youth, and families. The treat those with mental health disorders, co-occurring diseases, issues that they are uncomfortable seeking help for, and also provide bi-lingual services. A bi-lingual brochure is being created.

Elks – Are looking for more community involvement opportunities. They are looking at having a dinner (tba) to help support the Wishing Tree Program, and they have their Elks Breakfast every Sunday morning, etc. David mentioned that they also have volunteers to help with events, so if you have a need, please get with him.

Churchill Community Coalition – They are continuing their work with substance abuse prevention. Stats are constantly checked and new ideas being implemented. Currently they are working on youth leadership so they can begin presentations to youth about the substance abuse issues that are in our community. They are getting ready to do a media blitz and change out the current METH signs. They also just finished their strategic planning and are determining what other services they can provide in the community. Please check out their website to see what is going on or give them a call. The website is being updated weekly. Please forward any applicable items to Traci.

St. John's Lutheran Church – Will be hosting a Craft Fair. The money raised from this event is then put back into the community. They also have the Thrivent for Lutherans program which helps donate money to agencies conducting fundraisers and helps to provide matching dollars. Previously, these donations have helped with holiday baskets, backpack food program, etc. They will be working on an upcoming project, with the scho ol district's Students in Transition program.

The Homestead – The Memory Care unit is now open. This is a smaller, intimate 12-bed unit with a very comfortable, homey atmosphere. They are hiring caregivers.

Forty Developmental Assets – Research has identified several internal and external assets that our children must have to be successful adults. They are working on adventures for adults and children to participate in together. They will be working in conjunction with the City and conducting Spooktacular. This is not just a trick-or-treat event. This will be held on 10/31/12 from 4PM-8PM. There will be many activities for families. There will be reading, art, coloring, and writing activities. Lots of local businesses are partnering together to support this event. A sign-up sheet was passed around for all those interested in participating or wanting to donate items to be handed out.

FRIENDS – The Coat Caper is coming up on 11/9/12 and will be held from 3-6PM at the Northside Learning Center. Students from the High School are decorating boxes which will be placed at all schools for the collection of coats. Coats will be cleaned by Silver Sage Cleaners. Flyers are available in the back and one will be emailed to Holly before the event to mass mail to committee members.

Banner Churchill Community Hospital – The Banner Physicians Group has added two new medical personnel to their group. First is Dr. Lucy Wright, OB/GYN. Dr. Wright will also be in the Fernley Clinic two times per week. A Physician's Assistant has been added to assist Dr. Davis, Orthopedic Physician. They are also recruiting actively for an

internal medicine physician and a general surgeon. On the hospital side of things, there is currently a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive going on with the donations to go to the food pantry, a 5K run this coming weekend in support of breast cancer, and there will be a Ladies Night held at the hospital with makeup tips, clothing, and breast cancer awareness information. All of these things are listed on their website.

Sierra Home Health Care – Patients in the Fallon area are increasing. They are always in need of caregivers and will provide training. If you know of anyone interested in care giving, please send them their way.

Veterans Administration – There are four clinics in Fallon and nearby Winnemucca. The Fallon Clinic has recently expanded and started a home-based service for veterans. This service provides a full-time RN to visit the home-bound veterans. They are looking at also providing a part-time RN, full-time Social Worker, and a fee-based Physical Therapist. They will also be looking to hire primary care providers and other administration staff. If you know of anyone desiring to work with veterans, please let him know.

Fallon Mental Health – Many changes took place over summer. No waiting list! Currently, one picks up an application, fills it out and returns it, and then is scheduled immediately to see an intake specialist. They are fully staffed with one full-time and one part-time RN, one psychologist, two clinicians, a service coordinator (which has allowed their housing program to be re-implemented), and Cheryl is even seeing a few people herself. Cheryl will be conducting a presentation at our January meeting.

Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health and Senior Pathways – They have recently expanded and are very excited. They have gone from 28-46 total beds in less than 2 years. The behavioral health unit was previously comprised of 28 beds – 20 psych and 8 substance abuse (detox and then 14-day rehab). Two more substance abuse beds have been added. In January 2011, the Senior Pathways wing was opened. This started out as a 12 bed unit which was running at full capacity within 30 days. Four more beds have now been added to this unit. The Senior Pathways unit deals with all mental health issues, Alzheimer's, dementia, stabilization, and placement in assisted living facilities, if appropriate. They are fully staffed with two medical directors, a range of therapists, nurses, and social workers. They accept most insurances, Medicare, Medicaid. Admitting is available 24/7 and they do self-admit, as well.

Highland Manor – Sunny Mason is the new Marketing Director for Highland. They have a new Medical Director, Dr. Chung. There have been other additions to the staff as well. Sunny has implemented an educational program for the community. Free seminars that cover a range of topics are available on a monthly basis. She then went on to bring the committee members up to date on the many services that Highland has to offer. They have a secure 26-bed Alzheimer's/Dementia unit, a Bounce Back unit featuring physical therapy and rehabilitation, an assisted living facility which is almost at full capacity, and then the Estates section which is compromised of 41 retirement apartments (pets up to 20 lbs. are now accepted at the Estates apartments). They also have positions open and are looking for a Director of Nursing, Social Worker, and RN's. If you know of anyone, please let her know.

DVI – October is DVI Awareness Month. The Mayor kicked off this month on 10/5/12 with the dyeing of the fountain purple. This past weekend, there was the Rockin Purple Ride event. There were over 130 people in attendance at this event and lunch was provided by the Eagles. Several other events either have been held or are underway this month – Decoration of light poles on Maine Street, Silent Witnesses, Clothes Line Project, etc. The museum and library have been great hosts for these events. There is also a DVI pledge campaign underway at the schools. The children are taking the pledge and then dipping their hands in paint and placing them on a school bus. This bus will then visit every school during the month. Smaller student's handprints will be on the bottom and the older students on the top. The culmination event on the 31st will include the bus. Heather Benson with DVI has been hosting lectures with local employers to educate them and their staff about domestic violence issues. They are well on their way to meeting their goals in educating and providing community awareness. DVI also informed the committee that they once again have an office. It is located in the county annex building across the hall from Social Services. This office space will now allow for people to stop by, become informed, make donations, etc.

Western Nevada College – The biggest change at WNC is that Lori Tiede is now the Front Office Manager at the Fallon Campus. She has been with WNC for some time but previously worked out of the Carson Campus. Many changes have been made to the campus - new carpeting in one of the buildings, improvements to the welding and auto shop areas, etc. WNC has the GED program and many worthwhile community service classes that include classes in regards to crop and farming issues. WNC can also put together classes based on the specific needs of an organization. Ron Marrujo then reminded us of the WNC motto – "Start Here, Go Anywhere" and mentioned the many areas – Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock, Hawthorne, etc. that are covered by WNC and that classes are available in many formats – in person, online, and by interactive video. All WNC students have free tutoring help available to them – even those who take classes online or by interactive video.

JOIN – Federally funded job-related training. They provide on-the-job training, CPR, first aid, resume assistance, work experience, etc. The goal is permanent employment. They are a business partner for the employer providing assistance with paperwork and wage subsidies. They are co-located with Job Connect and Voc Rehab – these are your State agencies who will list your job openings for free and provide assistance to those with disabilities.

Juvenile Probation – Celebrated their first year in August. They have recently secured contracts with outlying counties and will now be providing their detention services.

Social Services – New policies and procedures for emergency assistance will go into effect 1/1/13. Two hearings were held – no one showed up. We will now be doing wrap around service coordination for those requesting services. Instead of the old \$200 voucher and eligible for assistance again in 18 months, the program has changed and is much more comprehensive. Clients will now be eligible for up to \$1,000 of assistance for a period of one year and then not re-eligible for a period of four years. They will actually enter into a contract with our office. We will actually work with them on budgeting skills,

submitting an EAP application, working with state agencies to help them with TANF, SNAP, and utilizing employment assistance (with our organization – CEDA, as well as, Job Connect, Voc Rehab, and JOIN). We actually have triple the funding in our employment program this year and are able to help with wage subsidy, resume classes, gas cards, clothing vouchers, classes, etc. We will spend the year working with them to provide a stabilization service. Ms. Ernst then updated the committee on the holiday programs – Wishing Tree currently has 140+ applications out and closes on 10/29/12. Distribution will be 12/19/12. We will not be doing the holiday food baskets this year. Those programs are being handled by the Out of Egypt Food Pantry. All of our cash and food donations will be going to them to support the program. Lights of Christmas will be held again this year along with Pancakes with Santa at the Eagles.

Andrea Zeller then reminded the committee that we had agreed to use NV 2-1-1 as our resource guide. She mentioned that Evan Miller is available to help with any concerns about your information and how to be sure it is accessible, cross-referencing, inputting yourself, or inputting for you. Please begin to input your information or ask Evan for his help. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Holly or Andrea so that we can get with Evan and get them resolved.

Ms. Ernst then thanked everyone for coming and reminded them that our next meeting would be held on January 8, 2013 at 11AM at the Old Post Office.