COLLABORATION FORUM ’09 BREAKOUT SESSION NOTES
INTRODUCTION

About 20 people gathered in the small breakout group focused on ***COOPERATING TO ELIMINATE GAPS*** in services which was facilitated by Delia Horwitz and Paula Vigneault of Collaboration Soup, a soon to be published simple manual for holding co-creative conversations or collaborative events.

After a quick brainstorm of where the gaps in services were, the group was asked to identify resources that might have a solution to a particular gap. After individuals posted their ideas about gaps and possible solutions, they were asked to form into topic groups of interest in this group, and the groups organized spontaneously and voluntarily around common topics. Their assignment was to combine their knowledge of resources to identify other possible solutions to the gaps under the topic they chose to discuss solutions for.

This information is being posted on the www.SLOCollaboration site with the intention that people will connect with those who posted a gap or a solution to one of the gaps in order to join forces, or simply to explore mutual benefit. These notes are a record of the gaps and solutions posted, with each of the small group’s list of possible solutions, recommended next actions, and who was in that group.

GROUP #1. RECRUIT ACTIVE & RELIABLE BOARD MEMBERS

Brainstormed Ideas:

1. Info fair open to the public (about non-profits).
    a. Pitch to NPSC to offer to its members and to offer a public workshop
2. Make presentations to clubs, service orgs, etc.
3. Go online: VolunteerSlo.org, et al. & post board member recruits needed.
4. Make a request for board members via media, e.g. PSA in Tribune
5. Trish-CASA, Make expectations very clear!
6. Julie-BBBS Advertise to Chamber of Commerce.

Members of this small group were Barbara Nicholson, Mark Shaefer, Marta Pellisu from Arts Obispo, Angie King, & Paul Watkins.

GROUP #2. NO PLACE FOR HATE (Consider bringing the No Place for Hate curriculum here)

Solutions:
Cultural awareness training.
Countywide collaboration

Actions:
Chamber involvement
Start/develop working group

Members of this small group were Jan Maitzen fromThe Link, Karen Jones from LTC Ombudsman, Bill Emerson from Three B Kommunity Innovations, and Julie Powell from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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GROUP # 3. SPECIALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK HIGH NEEDS YOUTH

Brainstormed ideas:

1. During the school day:
    a. Alternatives to normal day
    b. Through the arts works
    c. Cooperative learning
    d. Peer+mentor relationships
    e. Collaborate w/ credentialed allies @ CalPoly
    f. Have support services on site to watch for signals

2. Utilize community resources
    a. Art Center
    b. Fire Dept.
    c. Theatre groups
    d. Dance
    e. Music (guitar, etc.)

3. School connections
    a. School for Alternative education
    b. Year round
    c. Campus 8-8
    d. Fix Continuation Schools, combine mental & ?? programs

Members of this group included Katie Beker, Traicie Caretto, Rebecca Turner, Katie Thorpe, Karen Kile.

GROUP #4. REHABILITATION FACILITY FOR DRUG &/OR ALCOHOL DETOX SOBER LIVING IN SLO COUNTY

DEFINITION OF THE GAP:
No detox facility.
Accessibility.
There is only one sober living in SLO.
Affordability.
Detox facility and services for dual diagnosis.

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POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:
A new agency
Use another as a model
Bring in existing example, Good Sam
Convening those who have clients with this need to begin the conversation.
Funders designate this as priority to generate solutions.

NEXT STEPS:
1. Bring agencies that have services & clients together: Drug & alcohol services, mental health, TMHA, Jails & law enforcement, medical providers, insurance, medical DSSS, housing providers, including homeless, Family Resource Center

2. Communicate with existing coalitions, i.e. Supportive Housing Coalition; add to or form subcommittee.

Members of this group included Linda Quesenberry, Trish Gomez, Rick Guileens from Peoples Self Help Housing.

GROUP #5. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE HISPANIC POPULATION

BRAINSTORM IDEAS

1. FCN, 211, o CAPSLO (bigger agency) with a more open mission to provide resources to monolingual Spanish populations for
    a. Healthcare
    b. Education
    c. Family services

2. Share successful practices - CAPSLO?

3. How can other agencies help/’benefit from existing programs?

NEXT STEP: Countywide think tank re supportive services for Hispanic populations w/ public health nurses and other: United Way, SLO County Community Foundation, Non-Profit Support Center, etc.

Members of this group included Jen Miller, Marie Brinkmeyer, Trish Murley. This group requested Linda Quesenberry be involved.

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SERVICES	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	SHARED SERVICES	FAMILY SUPPORT	HEALTH	FUNDING & VOLUNTEERS	YOUTH	YOUTH	HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
Help delivering programs, e.g. Day w/ Creative Women (Angie)	More community gardens/cheap healthy food for all Julie, Big Brothers/Sisters	Shared marketing for a common cause Karen Kile, Art Center	Providing for more lower income families, Paul @ SLO Children’s Museum.	Health education Julie P, Boys & Girls Club	Funding for programs and services. Angie	Seniors interacting with youth. Bill, 3B Community.	Attracting youth to art events (Arts Obispo)	Transportation for the frail and disabled.
Social services & emergency medial services in Morro Bay, Los Osos, Cayucos, Cambria, North Coast. Rick, PSHH	Leadership Programs that are affordable, with community involvement Linda VQ, Transitions Mental Health	Increase awareness of similarly goaled groups. Angie	Family support services on North Coast.	Affordable healthcare. Julie P, Boys & Girls Club	$ to help pay for residential care for seniors. LTC Ombudsman Karen J	Specialized education programs for at risk youth. Rebecca Tuner, Family Care	Connecting transitional aged youth to open housing opportunities. Katie Baker, Family Care Network. ***SOLUTION: PEOPLE’S SELF-HELP HOUSING HPRP***	Transportation form So County to No County. Partnership for the Children of SLOCO. La Clinica de Tolosa Children’s Dental Clinic. Barbara Icholson.
Help with new programs, e.g. Financial Literacy Seminar	Free family activities. Karen @ Art Center. ***SOLUTIONS: #1 FAMILY CARE NETWORK 17 FAMILY PROGRAMS FROM REBECCA TURNER. #2 CONNECT W/ CARE FACILITIES TO DO ACTIVITIES WITH FAMILIES FROM KAREN JONES.***	Computer tech help. Arts Obispo	Family resource center in SLO city, Jen Miller @ Alpha	Affordable, free detox services. Rick, People’s Self Help Housing	Finding board members, Arts Obispo, and Finding 35-50 year old board members from Karen @ Art Center.	Job shadowing or internship oppor-tunities for high needs youth. Rebecca Turner, Family Care Network. ***SOLUTIONS #1 EXPLORATION & MENTORING PROGRAM, BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS. #2 TEENS @ WORK MODEL, LINK.***	Teen activities in Morro Bay, Los Osos, North Coast by Linda VQ @ Transitions Mental Health. ***SOLUTION: MHSA-PEI MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVOCATE & COUNSELOR IN LOS OSOS, SANTA LUCIA CAMBRIA FROM JAN M @ THE LINK.***	More senior transportation. Mark S, Ride-On

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Meaningful activities for care facility residents. LTC Ombudsman Karen Jones		Human Resource advisor for non-profits. Arts Obispo ***SOLUTION: CALL CCHRA, LOCAL HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS ORG. KAREN JONES***	Counseling for monolingual Spanish Moms, Jan Maitzen, Link	Sober living houses. Linda VQ, Transitions	Getting & retaining volunteers, Boys & Girls club; reliable volunteers, Angie. Getting long-term commitments from volunteers.	Fun academic support for teens. Boys & Girls Club.		Affordable housing, Jen Miller @ Alpha and Marianne Kennedy @ WSP.
In home-helpers, for example for help paying bills.		More training for volunteers, Mark S, Ride-On	Services in Spanish at hospitals, law enforcement	Residential drug/alcohol treatment. Jan Maitzen, The Link	Overnight volunteers for the overflow shelters, Katie Thorpe, SLOCCF	Youth employment opportunities. Trish, CASA.		
Mental health services, M. Kennedy, WSP			Spanish speaking volunteers, Trish, CASA.					
SERVICES			**FAMILY SUPPORT**		**$$$ & VOLUNTEERS**	**YOUTH**		
Reaching Hispanic arts audiences in SLO County, Arts Obispo.			***SOLUTIONS:*** ***#1 ALPHA PEER SUPPORT GROUPS FOR LATINA MOMS.*** ***#2 LATINO OUTREACH COUNCIL, JEN MILLER.*** ***#3 BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, TRACE.*** ***#3 MIGRANT ED PARENT MEETINGS, LINDA VQ.*** ***#4 ELAC MEETINGS, LINDA VQ.*** ***#5 FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER.*** ***#6 LATINO MENTAL HEALTH, LINDA VQ.*** ***#7 TRANSITIONS MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. FAMILY SUPPORT LINDA VQ.***		***VOLUNTEER SOLUTIONS:*** ***#1 CAL POLY CLASSES THAT REQUIRE VOLUNTEER HOURS, KATIE T.*** ***#2 AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM KAREN @ ART CENTER.***	Gap: Low & no cost activities for teens. From Boys & Girls Club. Gap: Community involvement with youth from Bill @ 3B Kommunity. ***SOLUTIONS:*** ***# 1: HIGH SCHOOL POETRY OUT LOUD PROGRAM. MARTA, ARTS OBISPO.*** ***#2, LIFE BOUND LEADERSHIP, NIPOMO LINDA VQ.*** ***#3: YMCA ACTIVITIES*** ***#4: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, TRACE***		