

## March 2, 2011: Sierra Health Council (SHC) Monthly Membership Meeting

**Meeting called to order 11:00am by Jennie Bierner, Chair/President of SHC**

### **Board Vacancies announced**

#### **Round Table Discussion (RTD)**

**Susan Garrison-** Tuesday March 15, 2011 there will be a Food Safety class at the TBA Kitchen. The cost is \$10.00 a person and it will be from 6-8pm. Anyone wanting to use the kitchen will be required to take this course. To sign up please call 894-1114.

**Jane Greene-** The MyCommunityNM Resource Directory went to the House and passed! It may now be overseen by the Department of Technology. The local Sierra County directory is available on the Health Council website.

**Sylvia Washington & Michael Armendariz-**Tresco Tots. Tresco serves children birth to 3, who have, or are at risk of having developmental delays. The first evaluation is free. They provide social workers, family therapists and care coordinators so that all the family's needs are met. They offered to bring classes to the community based on needs. They also announced a job opening (see website posting).

**Juliet Sullivan-** Social worker for T or C Schools. She reported on the Resource Fair that was held in February at the High School. They were happy that the community service providers were able to come out but disappointed that there were not more parents in attendance. The social workers are trying to get the schools more involved in the community. There is still a grant called McKinney Vento that funds needs for homeless families/teens/children. This grant is administered through the social workers and nurses at the schools.

**Erin Padula-** Social worker, now a free agent who is looking to contract with locals. Home visits, play therapy etc.

**Terri Markel-** Office Manager Ben Archer, when construction on the School Aged Clinic is finished they will have a pediatric dentist and will be expanding their mental health services.

**Shirley Hanna** still has the Welcome Baby program which includes support services, parenting education, in home visitation and limited in county transportation to appointments at Ben Archer and the Public Health Office.

**Shirley** also has the car seat program through Safer NM Now. To receive a carseat, participants must take a short class and install the car seat properly in front of the trainer, (**Shirley**). There is a \$15.00 fee that can be waived if the family qualifies.

**Shirley** also has a grant for Environmental Home Health Assessments. In this program, individuals can receive a free \$10.00 Wal-Mart gift card if they allow **Shirley** to evaluate their home twice.

**Christy Conklin-** County Director for T or C Head Start. They serve expecting mothers and children age 6 months to 5 years old. Families must income-qualify.

**Lori Medina**- County Director for HSD/ISD. Serious cuts in Medicaid and other assistance. They are expecting more cuts in the coming months. They are operating with 5 of 8 case workers and are not allowed to replace anyone at this time.

**Val Two-Wolves**- NMSVH, received some relief from the State hiring freeze. They are now able to hire CNA's and nurses.

**Jennie Bierner**- T or C Housing Authority. Units in all properties are available. Please encourage anyone who might qualify to apply for Housing. Currently the Family Self-Sufficiency programs are sponsoring a financial literacy class which is open to the community. This class is almost over but a new one will start soon!

**Shirley Hopkins & Millie McCleod**-Healthy Living Trainers are starting a *Healthy Living with Chronic Conditions* free 6-week course (see website for details).

### **Business Meeting**

**Membership voted to conduct a community Teen Wellness Forum at the end of April or early May:** Jennie, Erin, Susan, and Juliet expressed interest in working on this project.