

CHIMPS Mission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 04, 2012

Present: Ellie Graham, Mary O'Connor, Crystal Bensen, Jane Huntington, Ali Hunt, Lori Macklin, Maggie Wheeler, Nancy Danoff, Cor VanNiel, Ann Marchand, Jane Lester (moderator-awesome job!), Amy Wagner

Thank you to the Gestalt Consultants and those who developed our agenda with this organization!

Next meeting with Gestalt on Jan. 27th, 6:30-9pm at Talaris Conference Center.

Agenda:

I. New name

- A. Proposed: Community Health International Medical ProjectS or Community Health International Medical Projects for Sustainability
- B. Accepted new name: Community Health International Medical Projects for Sustainability
- C. Spanish version of name – Lori
- D. Keep website domain name until expired.
- E. Cor to change IRS, Combined Fund Drive, etc. with respect to the name change.

II. Mission Statement

- A. Current Mission Statement: To ethically address underlying health issues and to provide sustainable public health interventions and medical assistance for underserved communities in developing countries. (2003)
- B. Unanimously approved new mission statement: To cultivate sustainable public health interventions in partnership with underserved communities in developing countries through collaborative education.

III. Values

- A. Current
 - a. Mission: a common and specific sense of purpose for the trip.

- b. Collaboration: a relationship with a community and its existing infrastructure
- c. Education: for ourselves, the community, and our peers
- d. Service: Commitment to doing work that the community needs and wants
- e. Teamwork: building appropriately on each team member's skills and experiences
- f. Sustainability: building capacity for ongoing interventions
- g. Evaluation: a mechanism to statistically determine whether goals are being reached.

B. Proposed changes

- a. Purpose: having common and specific goals for each visit.
- b. Empowerment: working with communities to identify and advocate for their own needs.
- c. Respect: maintaining awareness of the community, culture, and existing infrastructure.
- d. Partnership: collaborating over time with local NGOs to do work that the community needs and wants.
- e. Teamwork: identifying, valuing, and utilizing community and team member skills and experiences.
- f. Sustainability: building capacity to meet challenges within communities and our organization.
- g. Feedback: measuring and sharing progress toward team and community goals.
 - i. set purpose for each trip
 - ii. internal debrief after trip, are we meeting goals?
 - iii. debrief with the communities, perhaps by asking specific questions or having leaders of local NGO check in with the community after our team is gone.

IV. Upcoming trips

- A. April (9-16th?): likely to explore local health infrastructure around El Chaperno. Interested: Nancy Danoff, Mary O'Connor, Mary Pilgrim, Nancy Stokely
- B. June trip (24-30th?): Aya Reiss, husband, Norma & Gene Turner, and Sarah Connoll.
- C. November (5-12th?) trip: Ellie & Linda
- D. April 2013: Ashley Schulze & Ellie