



## **Behavioral Health**

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Alex Ellis and Sandra Villapando from Social Services, Randi Case from Wild Iris and Robin Roberts gave a talk to Mammoth Hospital's Nursing staff about our various programs and to promote continued integration of services. A representative from the hospital commented that, "our staff is hungry for this information!"

We have not had this many attend a meeting like this in a long time. There are even people who came in on their day off." The amount of work that is performed by these various departments and agencies is impressive; this is especially so regarding the emergency response that is required by Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Wild Iris and Behavioral Health for those most vulnerable in our communities. The panel provided extensive information and answered the many detailed and insightful questions by the nursing staff.

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## **Community Development**

**Local Transportation Commission** – At Monday's meeting, the LTC & Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (Beth Himelhoch, Megan Foster, Rick Franz, Debbie Diaz, John Helm, and Laurel Martin) held an annual public hearing to review unmet transit needs compiled by Wendy Sugimura. The commission approved submittal of its 2014-15 Overall Work Program as presented by Megan Mahaffey, updated its transportation policies for the Yosemite area, received a status report on Tioga Road opening, and considered the legal requirements for commission composition with Stacey Simon. The LTC also considered priority state highway projects for the Mono County region.

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## **County Administrator's Office**

**Tioga Pass getting ready to re-open!** – Shout out to Supervisor Hunt for sending over the update on the work being done to re-open Tioga. A dry winter has a benefit of an early opening and the beginning of the Spring/Summer season where visitors from across the globe come to Mono.

The Passes being open is a critical part of our economic activity so we look forward to these openings!

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**Updated data on Airport use helps shows local economic activity** – Thank you to Supervisor Fred Stump for forwarding the latest data on airport use. The chart shows the current enplanements and the current levels of use.

This is critical data which shows how our economic engine built upon tourism is faring and serves as another indicator of the challenges our region faces.

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**Mono Innovation Groups meet – Ideas advance into Strategic Planning and review** – Thank you to the 13 employees (6 north and 7 south) that attended the latest Mono Innovation Group meetings.

The list is being updated to capture the additional email comments for review. These lists will be utilized as part of the all day Staff Strategic Planning Session on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition, the currently 10 page (and soon to grow) list of ideas will be grouped under similar categories such as technology, facilities, staffing ideas in order to help us focus in. Our work will be to focus on the highest return items and see what we can get into place for the next Budget and Fiscal year.

Peoples ideas range the spectrum and it has been great to have the information coming in. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, these lists will also be part of the day as we work together to build a new Best Imaginable Mono.

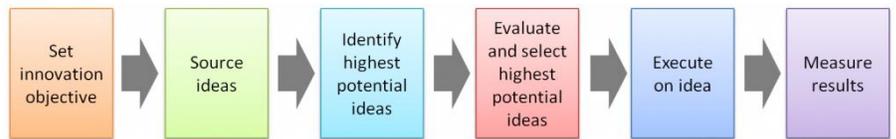
**Keep sending in those ideas! Email them to: [InnovationIdeas@mono.ca.gov](mailto:InnovationIdeas@mono.ca.gov)**

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**The Countdown begins to the all day All Staff Strategic Planning session** –On April 17<sup>th</sup> at Lee Vining Community Center the Strategic Planning Steering Committee finalized the elements of the **All-Employee event on May 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are on final countdown for our all employee strategic planning session. On April 24<sup>th</sup> the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which is open to all employees,

						5 Year Round	4 Year Round	3 Year Round	2 Year Round	1 Year Round
						Year 7	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
2014	Alaska Airline s	United Airline s	Total by Month (2014)	Same Month Prior Year (2013)	% Change / Prior Yr	Total 2014	Total 2013	Total 2012	Total 2011	Total 2010
January	3,093	1,447	4,540	5,766	-21	4,540	5,766	4,336	4,211	3,166
February	2,842	1,175	4,017	5,657	-29	4,017	5,657	4,865	3,653	2,977
March	3,184	1,551	4,735	5,652	-16	4,735	5,652	4,897	4,161	3,753
April				3,025			3,025	3,821	3,379	2,327
May				1,149			1,149	1,061	1,051	918
June				1,117			1,117	931	1,165	879
July				1,259			1,259	1,277	1,189	819
August				1,378			1,378	1,478	1,419	976
September				1,171			1,171	851	1,004	748
October				579			579	566	807	661
November				799			799	562	882	784
December				3,306			3,306	2,601	3,275	1,790
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>9,119</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>13,292</b>	<b>30,858</b>		<b>13,292</b>	<b>30,858</b>	<b>27,246</b>	<b>26,196</b>	<b>19,798</b>
Market share YTD %	68.6%	31.4%	100.0%							

**The Innovation Process**  
Employee-Driven Innovation



**Strategic Planning Cycle**



will be meeting to review any last minute details for May 1<sup>st</sup>'s unprecedented all employee session.

Every employee will be getting a email with the agenda for the day by Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> as well as an outlook appointment. For those employees who don't regularly check email due to duties in the field, we will be sending out fliers via departments.

Departments are being requested to provide employees maximum opportunity to attend. For those employees unable to attend, we will be bringing the Planning process to them for special session(s) to garner their feedback.

## ***MAY 1<sup>st</sup> – Mono County Strategic Planning Launch!***

Well, I can't guarantee it will be as cool as launching a starship but it is a critical launch for our effort to re-design our services, focus our efforts and build a Mono County which can serve the public best it can.



If you can't make May 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a great volunteer Strategic Plan Ambassadors' meeting with folks who can't attend!

***Again The next Steering Committee meeting will be on April24th at 4:00pm to 6:30pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.***

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### **Information Technology**

**Congratulations to Kirk Harstrom and his family for the newest addition !!** – Here is a quick note From Kirk: *“At 2:30pm today we were blessed with a new little girl. Alayna. She weighs 8lbs 2oz, 21" long. Sarah and the baby are both doing excellent. Thank you for all your prayers.”*

The next generation of IT is here!

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## Probation

Probation hosts staff and family Thank you – The Probation Department held a BBQ/picnic for probation and their families on April 15th, Tuesday. It was also an awards presentation to Hon. Stan Eller by staff.

Probation Services recognizes staff and those who contribute to our mission outside of our department with a presentation of a service medal. Staff will recommend a recipient and reasons why they are deserving of an award. Lead Probation Officer Dylan Whitmore expressed the sentiments of his team members when presenting the medal. Probation Services staff consider Judge Eller to be instrumental in protecting the community and searching for innovative strategies in presenting new opportunities for defendants and youth. He has been involved in AB109 - Realignment since the beginning and continues to present new ideas within the Community Corrections Partnership. Jazmin Puga-Sosa said "...he tries diligently to understand our programs and intentions. He is deserving of this award."



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## Public Health

**Sign o' the times and great news for Local Public Health Policy -** April 16<sup>th</sup> was a great day for the local public health policy. The Mammoth Lakes Town Council passed a policy to include electronic cigarettes in its 2006 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Ordinance which prevents smoking in many public places. Mammoth joins over 33 other cities and counties in restricting use of electronic cigarettes in areas already covered by ordinances. Also, on that date, the Tri County Fair Board agreed to prohibit electronic cigarette sales on fairgrounds for all events throughout the year. In order to prevent a risky behavior, the environment must support the change. Legislation and policy are two of the ways that change is made permanent .



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**Miles of Smiles brings Lifetimes of good health -** During the week of March 24, the Health Department had the pleasure of working with Mammoth Elementary & Middle Schools in conjunction with UCLA School of Dentistry for the Miles of Smiles program. Miles of Smiles is a school based dental suite of services, offering an oral health assessment, topical fluoride varnish, and/or dental sealants. In addition to the schools, we offered these services to the child care centers here in Mammoth.

17 UCLA dental students and 2 professors donated their time and supplies to make this important oral health preventive program a success. Although this type of program does not replace the needed regular visits with the child's dental home, it does add another layer of protection against dental caries/cavities. Approximately 900 students received oral health education through school assembly formats. 238 children received an oral health assessment and referral to the dentist.

138 children received sealants, with a total of 811 sealants placed. 223 children received topical fluoride varnish. Both Mammoth Elementary and Middle schools were extremely appreciative to have this service provided to their students. UCLA School of Dentistry enjoyed their time spent with our local children and faculty at the schools. The Health Department looks forward to continuing the Miles of Smiles program in Mono County, by servicing Eastern Sierra Unified School district next year. Miles of Smiles will then be offered on alternate years to Mammoth Unified and Eastern Sierra Unified School Districts.

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**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**'Tis The Season for Hantavirus** - Although mice carry the hantavirus all year, this is the start of the season when humans typically begin activities that put them at risk of being exposed to the hantavirus. Spring cleaning activities, such as opening up closed buildings that have been unused overwinter, often provide habitats for deer mice and become sites for human exposure to the hantavirus. Although hantavirus infections are relatively rare, it is not unusual for us to have several cases per year in the Eastern Sierra. The risk of death is significant. Individuals cleaning areas where the mice may be present are well advised to heed the recommendations below in order to avoid exposure.



Hantavirus is carried by certain species of rats and mice, and especially the deer mouse, pictured above. Infected rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings, and saliva. The virus can be transmitted to people when infected mouse urine, saliva, droppings, or nesting materials are stirred up, temporarily aerosolizing the virus, which can be breathed in by humans.

***We recommend the following precautions:***

- seal openings that may allow mice to enter homes and workplaces;
- remove brush, woodpiles, trash, and other items that may attract mice;
- tightly close garbage cans, pet food containers, and other food sources;
- wear protective gloves to handle dead mice or to clean up nesting areas, urine, or droppings;
- before cleaning up nests or droppings found inside, open windows and doors to ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes;
- do not stir up nests by sweeping or vacuuming. Dampen areas before clean-up;
- use a disinfectant or 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture to clean up dead rodents, nests, urine, and droppings.

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection include fatigue, fever, and muscle aches. These symptoms may be accompanied by headaches, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Later symptoms include coughing and shortness of breath. If hantavirus is suspected, people should contact their health care provider immediately. Remember, infections with hantavirus may feel like the “flu”; however, it is no longer flu season!

For more information, including an interactive map showing Mono and Inyo County specific information, go to:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/HantavirusPulmonarySyndrome.aspx>

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### **Public Works**

The attached picture is of Public Works Road staff constructing two new roads in the Bridgeport Cemetery. CSA#5 sponsored/paid for the majority of the construction costs. The road surface is made up of road grindings from the Bridgeport Streets project that took place last summer.

Hat’s off to Brett McCurry, Bob McCullough and the rest of the Road Area 4/5 crew as well as Phil Touchstone and Vianey White for making this a reality. And of course CSA#5 for their support and funding.

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### **Sheriff’s Office**

1. Jail staff had another inmate on staff assault this week – the second assault in approximately 10 days. Both the inmate and PSO sustained injuries during the altercation. It was fortunate this incident occurred when it did: with more than 2 staff on duty. It occurred on graveyard shift when at times, due to reduced resources we sometimes only have 2 staff operating the entire facility. This issue will be brought to the members of the BOS and the CAO so they fully understand how staffing works in the jail.
2. Jennifer Hansen received a nice email thanking her for her helpfulness and patience relating to some paperwork an individual had to process with the office. Quoting the email: *“I wanted to say thanks for taking the time to meet with me regarding my CCW application, you were very helpful and patient. Through my employment I deal with a*

*variety of government agencies ranging from USGS to Fish and Game and was pleasantly surprised at the individual attention I received from you and your a department.”*

3. We had our yearly Grand Jury visit on Thursday. The jurors took a short tour of the administrative side, a more detailed tour of the custody side, as well as having a lengthy question and answer period relating to overall operations. They were also able to enjoy a standard jail lunch to experience what our inmates are served daily.
4. The Sheriff’s Office had a nice article written by Jennifer Hansen which was published in the CSSA quarterly magazine. The article was relating to AB109 and our inmate work crews that benefit the community and the inmate(s) as well. The magazine is not available to be viewed on line as of today, or It would be linked!.
5. Lt. Mike “Air” Booher attended an AB109 (Realignment) training session with some of the topics being related to facility expansion/remodel. Some information he obtained is concerning to our office relating to costs and restrictions for expansions, etc.

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## **Social Services**

**Mono County Social Services is looking for Foster Parents and we are hosting an orientation meeting coming up on:** April 29, 2014 5:30pm- 7:00pm in Mammoth Lakes at the Sierra Center Mall, see attached flyers.

Many prospective foster parents are interested in becoming a parent, but can’t commit to providing long term care or adoption. That’s okay! Mono County needs foster parents of all types; those who can care for a child short-term, on an emergency only basis, as well as those who can provide long-term care. Children come into foster care when their birth families are unable to care for them for a variety of reasons. We provide support & training for you to be a successful foster parent.

Learn more by attending the upcoming Foster Parent Orientation Meeting, April 29, 2014 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth.

CONTACT: Marlo Preis, (760) 924-1793 or [mpreis@mono.ca.gov](mailto:mpreis@mono.ca.gov) to RSVP.

**A message from one of our Partners in Prevention: Wild Iris** - *The following is from a presentation to the Mono County Board of Supervisors on April 8<sup>th</sup> by Susi Baines, Director of Programs for Wild Iris.*

**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month** - According to national statistics, one in four women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. From January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, Wild Iris served 22 victims of sexual assault in Mono County, providing services ranging from peer counseling, legal and medical advocacy to providing emergency food, clothing and shelter.

Also nationally, a report of child abuse is made every ten seconds, and more than four children die every day as a result of child abuse. In the calendar year 2013, Wild Iris assisted 6 children under the age of 18 for issues connected to child abuse in Mono County. Of those 6, half were victims of sexual assault. According to Unicef, in 2010, more money was spent to preserve native birds in the United States than was spent on preventing child abuse. Reason enough that more awareness about child abuse needs to be done.

Both Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month have been annual traditions for many years and are nationwide campaigns. By holding events and conducting awareness campaigns for an entire month, we hope to convey the importance of these issues to the community, to foster action and to let the community know the services that are available to them

To commemorate both months, Wild Iris has planned several events to honor victims and survivors of sexual assault and child abuse. Once again, Wild Iris will host the Clothesline Project, a display that offers a voice to those affected by violence, and a powerful exhibit of personal testimonies. T-shirts hung on the clothesline are designed by survivors of violence, both children and adults alike, or by those close to them, and are a reminder to the community that sexual assault and child abuse happen right here. The Project also helps survivors in their healing process, giving them a way to tell their story and recognize that they are not alone.

The **Clothesline Project** will be displayed for the public to view on Saturday April 26th from 9am-3pm at Minaret Mall and on Wednesday April 30th (All Day) at Mammoth High School.



April 23 is **Denim Day**. This campaign was originally triggered by a 1998 ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove the jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim, and, so, we too, ask that our community show solidarity, raise awareness and stand with survivors of sexual assault by wearing denim on April 23.

This month and throughout the year our Youth Violence Prevention Program visits all of our local schools, pre-school through college, to teach about healthy relationships, bullying, healthy boundaries and bystander intervention. We encourage parents to take advantage of our free parenting classes, and in April, we will begin to offer **supervised visitation monitoring** as a way to ensure the safety and security of children visiting with non-custodial parents.

Wild Iris encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Mono County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that our community members have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for themselves and their children. Together we can help promote our community's social and emotional well-being and prevent child abuse and sexual assault within families and communities.

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