



**Join the Hub Committee for
Building Healthy Communities Southwest Merced/East Merced County**

Agency or Government-System Representative Application

Become part of Building Healthy Communities (BHC) by participating in the Hub Committee as an **Agency or Government-System representative**.

If you would like to be considered to be part of the committee, please read and complete this application packet and return it to Tatiana Vizcaíno-Stewart, Hub Manager, no later than

5:00 p.m. Feb 28, 2013.

You can mail, fax, e-mail or take this application to:

**United Way of Merced County
658 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340, Attn: BHC Hub Office
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Background

In 2010, The California Endowment (TCE), a statewide public health foundation, started the Building Healthy Communities (BHC) work in 14 places in California. BHC is working with residents, youth, agencies, and government systems to change existing systems and policies for children to be safe, healthy, and ready to learn. The communities of South Merced, Planada, Le Grand and Franklin/Beachwood make up BHC Merced. We are focusing our efforts and resources on achieving three (3) community-identified priority outcomes:

Outcome 5: Children and their families are safe from violence in their homes and neighborhoods.

Outcome 6: Communities support healthy youth development.

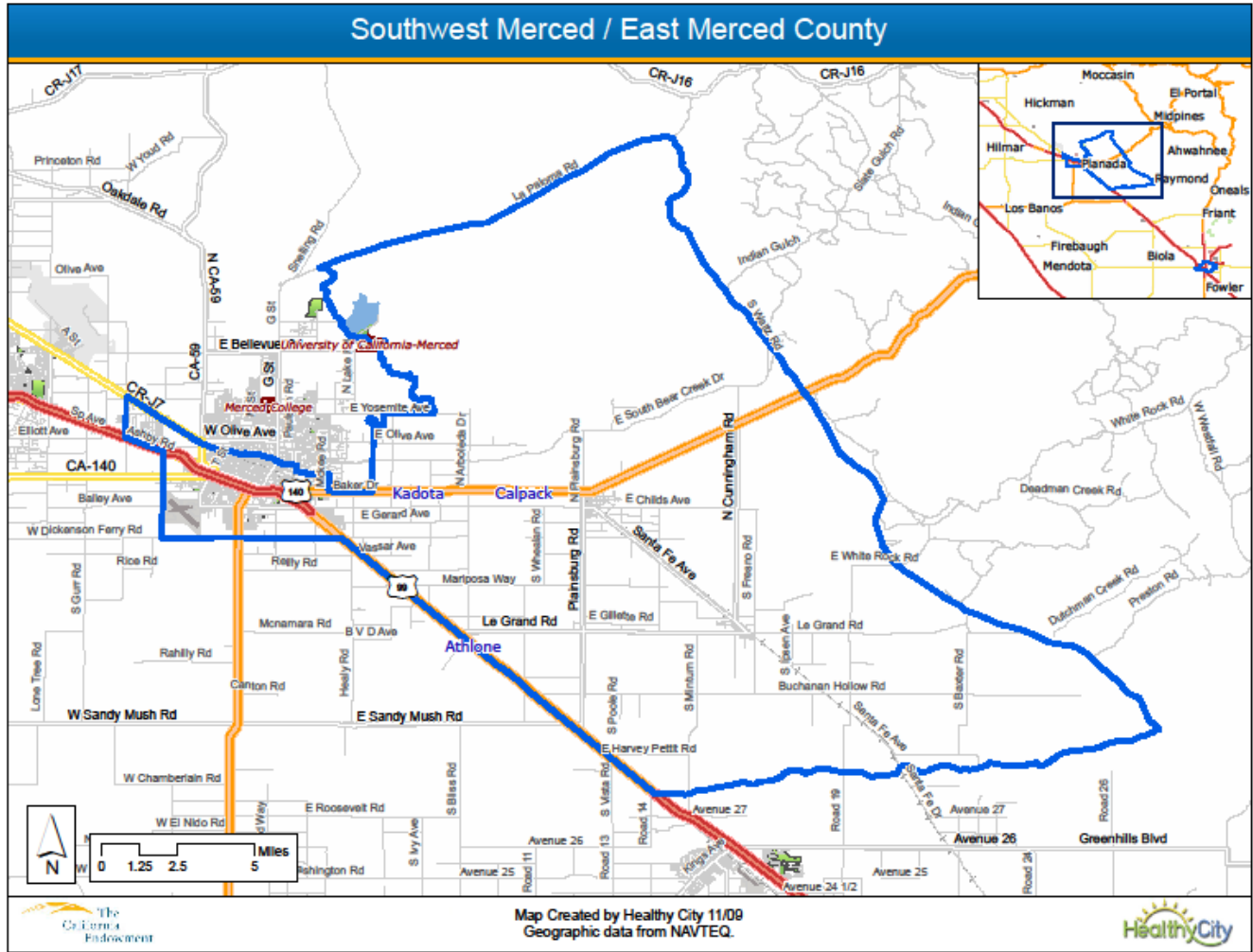
Outcome 8: Community health improvements are linked to economic development.

For more details about the Building Healthy Communities Plan, please visit www.bhcconnect.org

To learn more about the foundation visit The California Endowment site at www.calendow.org

The Merced Place

Merced Building Healthy Communities covers a large geographic area that includes three unincorporated communities—Planada, Le Grand, and the Beachwood/Franklin neighborhood north of Highway 99. South Merced is part of the incorporated area of Merced City, between N. Bear Creek and Dickinson Ferry Road to the south. Approximately 59,589 people live in the Merced place. 57% speak a language other than English as their primary language.



The Purpose of the Hub Committee

The Hub committee supports BHC’s development of “Collaborative Efficacy” -- how well a group of organizations, individuals, agencies, government-systems and community groups work together to attain commonly held goals. The Hub committee serves as the central table for the Hub Collaborative—a group of youth, adult residents, organizational leaders, government system-leaders, and other stakeholders. The Committee exists to support on-going communication, collaboration, learning and implementation of Building Healthy Communities.

The Hub committee:

- Reviews and updates the BHC Merced Community Action Plan once a year;
- Makes sure the central table creates a space for collaboration and coordination and engages diverse communities of Merced’s BHC place;
- Makes sure community members are informed and participate in making the BHC goals a reality;
- Makes sure partners working on the BHC Merced Community Action Plan have the community support needed for success;
- Allocates funds for a small community grants program to engage and support residents and grass-roots organizations involved in doing BHC community work.

Please note: The California Endowment retains sole and complete authority for grant-making decisions for the place.

Hub Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Members elected to the committee will serve for two years (April 2013-April 2015).

They will:

- Express the goals of BHC and the Community Action Plan created by the site;
- Participate in the annual update of the Community Action Plan;
- Participate in the monthly committee meeting and on at least one Team and / or subcommittee;
- Stay in contact with the Hub office to help coordinate selected BHC activities;
- Participate in Hub sponsored trainings for the site; and
- Attend selected statewide and regional TCE events (paid travel and accommodations included)

Hub Committee Configuration

The Committee includes 22 members representing the broad demographics of the place and the following groups:

Eight (8) Adult Residents: (Two from each of the four areas: Southwest Merced, Planada, Le Grand, and Beachwood/ Franklin).

Four (4) Youth Residents: (One from each of the four areas: Southwest Merced, Planada, Le Grand, and Beachwood/ Franklin).

Four (4) Government-System representatives, one from each of the following categories:

- Category Health / Public Health (including Health Care/Foster Youth/Foster Care/Medical Eligibility and Enrollment/Food Security);
- Category Juvenile Justice (including Law Enforcement/Juvenile Justice/Probation/Judicial Courts);
- Category Education/K-12 Districts...Education / School Systems (including...county / city school district / high school district);
- Category Human and Social Services (including Family Welfare/CPS/Children and Family Support Services).

Four (4) Agency representatives, one from each of the four following categories:

- Category A Community-based organizations, including faith-based groups;
- Category B Youth engagement and youth-leadership development organizations including, youth-service organizations, after-school programs, sports clubs, sports teams, etc.);
- Category C Community Engagement/Advocacy Organizations;
- Category D Local businesses located in and serving the BHC site and/or its residents and focused on health (including workforce development, educational pathways programs, Agri-business, food access, etc.).

One (1) representative from The California Endowment

One (1) representative from the Hub's fiscal agent--United Way of Merced County

Hub Committee Membership Requirements

1. Be involved or interested in activities or programs that are working on any BHC Outcome priorities (safety and violence prevention, healthy youth development and leadership, economic development);
2. Be open to work with people who have many different views, come from different backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge;
3. Be available to attend meetings held during workdays, evenings, and occasional weekends;

4. Have an understanding or desire to learn about youth development principles and work with youth
5. Review and agree to a Conflict of Interest Policy and a Memorandum of Understanding; and
6. Be able to respond to committee communications in a timely way by e-mail, phone, or in-person.
7. Be punctual and maintain good attendance;
8. Be willing to participate in one Team and/or sub-committee;

Timeline:

- February 1, 2013—Hub Application packet is released to the public
- February 28, 2013—Agency/Government system applications close
- March 6, 2013—Hub committee members accept recommendations from the nomination committee
- April 3, 2013—Seating and welcome of the new Hub Committee members at the Hub Committee monthly meeting.

- A one and ½ day retreat will be held in April 2013. The specific date will be determined in March, 2013.

If you are interested in becoming a Member of the Hub Committee, please provide the following information:

1. Contact Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

If you are you applying for a Government System representative seat, please list which Government-System Category:

Or an Agency representative seat category:

Business Address: _____

Residence Address: _____

Phone number(s) where we can contact you: Work/Home/Cell _____

Work e-mail: _____ Personal e-mail: _____

Indicate what is the best way to reach you: _____

2. Candidate Statement

Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Merced BHC Committee.

3. Experience (Please Note: Direct experience in implementing BHC activities as a BHC grantee or

BHC collaborative partner, AND/OR having knowledge and expertise in addressing the goals and outcomes in the BHC Plan are key criteria for member selection.)

Please describe your involvement, if any, with Merced BHC or other efforts aligned with BHC priority outcomes: _____

Use additional paper if necessary.

4. Do you need interpreting services in order to participate in Merced BHC/Hub Committee meetings? Y/N
If so, which language _____

5. Do you need child care in order to participate in Merced BHC/Hub Committee meetings? Y/N

6. Do you need any other types of support to fully participate in Merced BHC meetings? Y/N
If so, please describe:

7. Which of the categories best represent the issues which you are most interested in or can provide expertise? Mark the space with an X.

___ Outcome 5: Children and Their Families are Safe from Violence in Their Homes and Neighborhoods

___ Outcome 6: Communities support healthy youth development.

___ Outcome 8: Community health improvements are linked to economic development.

I understand the commitment and responsibilities required of Merced BHC Hub Committee Member and agree to adhere to these commitments and responsibilities if selected.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or need help in filling out this application contact: Tatiana Vizcaíno-Stewart, Hub Manager (209) 580-6067.