

## **Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting**

January 15, 2014 10am – 11am

### **Task Force Members Present**

- Emily Sinkhorn – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Joan Levy – Humboldt County Public Health
- Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Patti Hafner – Fortuna Elementary School District
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Chris Whitworth – Humboldt County Public Works
- Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County Public Health
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Matthew Harvey – California Highway Patrol

**November Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

### **Fall SR2S Parent Survey Reports:**

SR2S parent surveys were distributed through Public Health's Crossing Guard grant in the fall and the reports have been developed. 44 schools participated Countywide and 26% of the 13,000 surveys distributed were returned. Mellody presented aggregated reports for the Fortuna Elementary School District and the McKinleyville Union School District.

In Fortuna, mostly Kindergarteners responded to the survey but grades ranged from K-6. The estimated distance students live from school are 19% live < ¼ mile, 16% live between ¼ and ½ mile, 29% live between 1-2 miles, and 20% live more than 2 miles from school. Of students that live less than ¼ mile, 60-70% walk, of those that live between ¼ - ½ mile 12%-15% walk. The use of the school bus increased with the distance students live from school. We only saw bicycling between ¼ and ½ mile. Patti pointed out that kids under 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are not allowed to bike. 60% of kids living less than ¼ have asked permission to walk or bike. The main barriers to walking and biking were distance, amount and speed of traffic, safety of intersections, and weather.

In McKinleyville, 22% of surveys distributed were returned. Lots of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders responded and most live further from school. 30% live between 1-2 miles, 30% live more than 2 miles away and 20% live between ½ and 1 mile. More kids are walking and biking in the afternoon than in the morning. Of the students that live less than ¼ mile, 76% have asked for permission to walk or bike. The main issues/barriers preventing walking and biking are speed of traffic, distance, amount of traffic, safety of intersections, and pathways and walkways.

There were also many comments about specific intersections or areas of concern. Bullying and behavior also came up as an issue in the comments section.

### **Next Call of SR2S Funding:**

Oona gave an overview of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) which consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs such as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and SR2S. Among the goals of ATP is to increase walking and bicycling trips, increasing safety for non-motorized users, advance efforts of greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, include disadvantaged communities, and provide broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users. The total amount of funding will be distributed to Urban Areas (40%), Small and Rural (10%) which include areas with populations between 5,000 – 200,000, and 50% will be considered Statewide. Urban areas put most competitive projects into the Statewide competition as well as the 50% that goes to urban areas. SR2S projects will not require a match. Projects that benefit disadvantaged communities are also not required to have a match. Non-infrastructure projects may also apply without a match.

The California Transportation Commission wants to focus on pilot and startup projects such as getting programs started at new schools or areas trying to start walking to transit rather than building on or adding to existing efforts.

The Call for Projects will be every other year beginning on March 21<sup>st</sup> and applications will be due on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Schools and non-profits are eligible to apply or partner and showing a cost of program compared to benefit/s of improvement will create a more competitive application.

The HCAOG prioritization tool was displayed for Task Force members to view which schools ranked the highest based on the prior criteria for SR2S applications. Grant, Alice Birney, South Fortuna, Freshwater, Hoopa, Toddy Thomas, Lafayette, and Ambrosini scored in the top 8. Fortuna School District will be meeting with Patti to discuss priorities for Fortuna and Chris with Humboldt County Public Works will likely apply on behalf of Lafayette Elementary.

### **Other SR2S Activities:**

The 'Lets Get Healthy Humboldt' update was tabled for lack of time.

Johnny Calkins talked about the efforts of the McKinleyville Organizing Committee (MOC). They are using a People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) model of faith-based community organizing. Over the last 8 months they have conducted 300 one-on-one conversations with community members to learn about issues concerning residents and flesh out ideas for solutions. The group started with wanting to give the County input to the ped/bike improvements slated for Central Avenue between School Road and Hiller Ave that has been funded through HSIP money. Johnny will be joining the Task Force and reporting back to the MOC.

### **Announcements:**

- A liability webinar will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 as a follow up to a previous liability webinar. Those wishing to participate may do so from the CWC.
- There will be a meeting in Fortuna next week to discuss priorities for SR2S funding.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 19, 2014 at 10am

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**January Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

### **Sustaining Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Efforts and SR2S Policy Work:**

Community Transformation Grants are nationwide but here in California it is now called CA4Health. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) it supports community level programs to prevent chronic disease through Safe Routes to Schools and other programs. It was supposed to be a 5 year grant but we recently found out the last two years of funding will not be available. The Affordable Care Act prevention fund decided to use funding differently. There will be another chronic disease grant program to take its place but we don't yet have the information or whether it will favor rural communities.

The CTG enabled us to work on policy and strategies to sustain our SR2S work, such as creating transportation safety information for school parent handbooks, join the ECS Wellness Committee and participate in the Wellness Policy update, and educate the community about the benefits of jurisdictions enacting AB 321, the Safer Schools Act that would extend school zones and reduce speed limits in School Zones. Without this funding we would like to ask the Task Force to brainstorm ways to continue this work.

The funding has been used for (Public Health and RCAA) staff to coordinate the Task Force and efforts of the task force, spreading the work about getting safety information in parent handbooks, creating arrival and dismissal maps, and working towards reducing school zone speed limits. Perhaps some of the agencies on the Task Force can pick up some of the slack and provide staff to help with some of these efforts. Establishing committees may also be a good way to move forward.

One priority that was discussed was to ensure there is a proactive SR2S presence throughout the City and County. There are some technical assistance opportunities out there that we may be able to utilize. Our Task Force could focus more on getting information out to members, schools, and the community about webinars and training opportunities. The County's planning department puts out a monthly newsletter on their water management program – perhaps we could model something after theirs. We

should also utilize a calendar similar to what was created for the Eureka SR2S Task Force to get information on events and grant/funding opportunities out into the community. HCAOG could potentially house a newsletter on their website. The Task Force can be utilized more as an information and opportunities disseminator. We should also be tying in with County (and City) General Plan Updates to incorporate SR2S.

Recruiting more members to the Task Force could also help share the load. For example, the new Caltrans Public Information Officer has expressed an interest in participating. Matt Harvey has a connection there and will make a personal contact to try and get them to attend meetings.

We should be tying in with available resources rather than people re-inventing the wheel, for example Caltrans 'Arrive Alive' campaign is available and we have connections with the schools so could be tying the two together. CHP also may have grants they can tap into for increased enforcement.

#### **Update on City of Fortuna's ATP Application:**

The City of Fortuna is continuing its work on an application for the Fortuna Elementary School District to provide infrastructure improvements as well as an education and encouragement program. The City is leaning towards a larger project that would encompass several schools. The priority locations appear to be Ambrosini Elementary on Rohnerville Road and possibly Ross Hill Road. The City already has funding in the works for improvements (such as sidewalk infill) near Ambrosini and one of the criteria for the grant application is to show a match or leverage funds. Because of the Walk Audit at Toddy Thomas, there are many recommendations for improvements near that school as well, that will likely be tied into the grant. Sidewalk infill adjacent to the school and installing buffered bike lanes (with paint) on Ross Hill Road is one component of that project.

Redwood Prep will be moving to the South Fortuna campus in the fall so with the extra influx of students, that may be a priority school as well. The parking lot already has issues that the district has been working on in conjunction with the City. There is also a pre-school on campus so there will be a large number of students on the campus come the fall.

The education and encouragement component will likely have a district-wide reach. One thing to focus on is to make sure there is money in the grant for translation of materials into Spanish.

#### **Announcements:**

- Johnny would like to be a McKinleyville liaison for SR2S and communicate back to school staff that may not be able to attend meetings. Kimberly will contact Scott Oiler and try to get some communication started. This brought up a good point that there could be others out there who could be a part of the Task Force but don't necessarily attend meetings. We should expand the agenda and minutes to those folks. Perhaps the Rancheria in Trinidad could send someone on behalf of Trinidad school?
- The Del Norte Schools have asked Kimberly about the Crossing Guard training. She will tell Crescent City Police to contact EPD.
- Bike to School Day is May 7. Encourage schools to register!

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- Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Melody Mallick – Humboldt County Public Health
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Karl Terrell – Southern Humboldt Unified School District
- Suzi Theiss – Caltrans

**February Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

**CA4Health Promotional Video:** The Public Health Institute came up to Humboldt County for IWTSD with a film crew and filmed our efforts with CA4Health. The video focused on the transportation safety templates included in parent handbooks at Eureka City Schools. Melanie showed it during a transportation safety commission meeting in Arcata and it was also shown at a Eureka City School Board Meeting.

The Task Force was asked for ideas on ways to promote the video. Public Health will try to get a physical copy of the video and from there we can make copies and distribute to various groups to put up on webpages, including HCAOG, Facebook, ECS, Fortuna School District, Access Humboldt, Hum CAN channel, etc. It was suggested that we provide some background information or an intro to the parent handbook project in order to make it more relevant to those not familiar with the project. Joan will write up some talking points to include with the video. It would be ideal if when putting it on an agenda, include someone to go with it to provide an intro. It may be possible to add onto the video using a program like Powerpoint to include the background information at the beginning of the video. When we get physical copies of the DVD perhaps we can label it and include HCAOG's website on the sleeve. Melody will forward it to school districts and others to put up on websites.

**Active Transportation Program (ATP): Regional Non-Infrastructure Project Ideas:** The County Public Health Branch will be submitting a stand alone non-infrastructure ATP grant focusing on a regional education and encouragement program. We cannot sustain existing programs but would like to expand the reach of some of our existing efforts. We will be considering youth-led programs that focus on speed reduction, Active for Me (a mileage tracking system) or punch cards, and possibly purchasing a bike fleet and trailer.

There will be an ATP webinar on March 27 that will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the new ATP program. Caltrans will also be hosting an ATP workshop on April 24 to provide additional assistance with the applications. The Task Force provided some ideas for the grant application including set aside funds so that adults can receive trainings, such as Traffic Skills 101, to sustain pedestrian and bicycle safety programs. This would be a good way to sustain faculty participation. We should also

consider funding for substitutes so teachers can attend trainings. The CTC wants to see before and after measurements of programs so using parent surveys and hand tallies will be useful. Oona also recommended getting a high school or HSU student athlete (kinesiology department) to do short presentations for younger kids to help get buy in and pledge their support.

**Bike Month Activities:** A coalition has been coordinating Bike Month activities for May that will include Bike to Work Day in Arcata on May 7 (also Bike to School Day) and Bike to Work Day in Eureka on May 14. The Coop in both cities will provide morning energizer stations from 7-9 am and both cities will host noon rallies – on the Arcata Plaza and at the Old Town Gazebo. There will also be social rides planned, and a bike-in movie night. Emily will bring the full calendar to the meeting next month. Melody and Melanie are also working on getting students to accept proclamations from various jurisdictions announcing Bike to School Day and/or Bike Month.

**Announcements:**

- HCAOG and RCAA are both now official SRTS partnership ‘partners’.
- Caltrans PIO office has Arrive Alive Now videos available to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Ride for Reading is looking for donations of gently used children’s books. The books will be delivered via bicycle on May 8 from the Jefferson School to Alice Birney where students will be able to take books home free of charge. Volunteers are needed to bike books to Alice Birney.

**Next Meeting Date:** April 16, 2014 at 10am

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- Chris Whitworth – Humboldt County Public Works
- Patti Hafner – Fortuna Elementary School District
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Phil Frisbie – Caltrans

**March Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

**Active Transportation Program (ATP) Proposal Updates:** Jenny has been working with Merritt Perry and the City of Fortuna on a combined infrastructure and non-infrastructure grant for the Fortuna Elementary School District. The project would proposed infrastructure improvements near Toddy Thomas including sidewalks on Thelma, intersection improvements and a pedestrian activated flashing beacon at School and Thelma Streets, intersection improvements at School and Wood Streets, several raised crosswalks on Thelma and Wood Streets, new pavement markings, a paved path from raised crosswalks on Wood and Thelma Streets onto the campus, and a buffered bike lane on Ross Hill Road. The recommendations came out of the Walkability Audit conducted there in 2012.

The education and encouragement program would engage student council members at Toddy Thomas to coordinate SR2S activities and competitions on campus. IN addition, a series of SR2S workshops focusing on walking and bicycling safety would be offered to all students and families of the Fortuna Elementary School District.

Jenny could use help with projecting future use of the project area. Connect to John Campbell Memorial Parkway. Also, 50% of parents cite lack of infrastructure as reason to not allow children to walk or bike. Maybe with infrastructure we can suggest that walking and biking within the project area would increase.

The City of Fortuna has also received CTC funding to install sidewalks and improvements on Rohnerville Road to make the Ambrosini Elementary School neighborhood safer.

Humboldt County Public Health is also applying for ATP funding for a non-infrastructure program called the Redwood Mobility Education Program. This pilot would create a SRTS Toolkit and curriculum for afterschool providers to select activities from. In addition, the program would develop a Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) focused curriculum with expectation stations so that safe walking and bicycling can be included in the District's discipline program. The pilot could then be expanded and offered to other schools countywide that use PBIS. There would also be a middle school component offered to the leadership class at Zane. Student would participate in a Photovoice project, civic engagement activities and a youth-led Walkability Assessment at Zane. Walking route maps would

be developed and there would also be some support for adult bike skills training including Traffic Skills 101 and bilingual bicycle clinic assistance.

**Bike Month and Bike to School Day Activities:** The official name is 'Bike Month Humboldt' and bike-related activities and events will take place all month. There will be a kickoff family bike ride on May 4 along the Hikshari Trail. There will be another community ride then a showing of short bike films at the Sewell Gallery in Eureka on May 16. Bike to School Day is May 7<sup>th</sup>, which is the same day as Bike to Work Day in Arcata. There will be an energizer station at the Arcata Coop from 7am-9am for all student and adult bike commuters. There will be a rally at noon on the Arcata plaza. Bike to Work Day in Eureka will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> with an energizer station at the Eureka Coop from 7am-9am and a noon rally at the Old Town Gazebo.

There is discussion of a business sponsor program where participating businesses can either donate to the cause or put a sign in the window indicating they are participating. Bike riders can then receive a discount or incentive from that business.

Local students will be accepting Bike Month proclamations at the Fortuna City Council on May 5, Board of Supervisors and Eureka City Council meetings on May 6. Winship and/or Alice Birney students will accept the proclamations for Eureka and the County and Toddy Thomas students will be accepting the proclamation for the City of Fortuna.

**McKinleyville Organizing Committee Update:** Johnny Calkins, Chris Whitworth, and Emily Sinkhorn reported on the recent McKinleyville Central Avenue Design Workshop. There were around 65 attendees including the McMAC, McKinleyville Community Services District representatives, McKinleyville Organizing Committee members, Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Sharon LaTour and many neighbors. The feedback he heard from people who attended was that there was great facilitating and they did a good job of mixing up participants and facilitators at the tables in order to resolve conflict. The Community Services District Director George Wheeler called it the 'best public meeting ever'. There were MOC members at all but one table and they each had the opportunity for public speaking when they reported out. There was consensus on some major issues and the County will move forward with plans that incorporate those wishes, put together plans and bring it back before the public around September. Next steps include looking at feedback, data, and results. Some of the input is not relevant but the County can use the feedback for moving forward with community planning in general.

#### **Announcements:**

- Johnny is still interested in being the liaison for Northern Humboldt School District in regards to SR2S.
- Dows Prairie and Morris Schools will be reorganizing in the fall. The Spanish Immersion program will likely be eliminated.

**Next Meeting Date:** May 21, 2014 at 10am

## **Minutes from County Wide SR2S Task Force Meeting**

September 17, 2014 10am – 11am

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- Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency
- Oona Smith – Humboldt County Association of Governments
- Melody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Chris Whitworth – Humboldt County Public Works
- Patti Hafner – Fortuna Elementary School District
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Kimberly Comet - North Coast Schools' Insurance Group
- Matt Harvey – California Highway Patrol
- Kristen Palmero – HSU
- Sandy Earl – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health

**April Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved. There were no May meeting minutes.

**Fortuna and NI ATP Awards:** The City of Fortuna will receive Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding for a combined infrastructure and non-infrastructure project for the Fortuna Elementary School District. The project would install infrastructure improvements near Toddy Thomas from recommendations that came out of the Walkability Audit conducted there in 2012.

The education and encouragement program will engage student council members at Toddy Thomas to coordinate SR2S activities and competitions on campus. A series of SR2S workshops focusing on walking and bicycling safety will also be offered to all students and families of the Fortuna Elementary School District.

Humboldt County Public Health will also receive ATP funding for a non-infrastructure program called the Redwood Mobility Education Program (RMEP) to create a SRTS Toolkit and curriculum for afterschool providers to select activities from. Middle School students will also be involved in the RMEP by participating in a Photovoice project, civic engagement activities and a youth-led Walkability Assessment at Zane. Walking route maps will be developed and there will also be some support for adult bike skills training including Traffic Skills 101 and bilingual bicycle clinic assistance.

The Task Force would like to write a media article to talk about the SR2S projects funded through the ATP. There has been press about other trail projects but nothing on SR2S specifically. Emily, Jenny, and Melanie will work together on this.

**McLean Foundation Proposal for Fortuna:** Following up the momentum and collaboration between the Fortuna Elementary School District and the City of Fortuna, Redwood Community Action Agency is applying for funding from the McLean Foundation to continue SR2S work in Fortuna at South Fortuna Elementary School. The proposal is to help the South Fortuna campus transition into a safe campus as Redwood Preparatory Charter School (RPCS) moves to its new location at South Fortuna, therefore increasing traffic. RPCS has moved a couple grades there this year and plans to have all grades at the new campus by next year. The two schools have been working together, staggering arrival and dismissal

times. This funding would allow us to conduct a Walk Audit, develop an arrival/dismissal map as well as a Walking Map.

**International Walk to School Day Prep:** IWTSD proclamations will be read at the Fortuna City Council on October 6. Toddy Thomas students will be present. There will be proclamations read at the Board of Supervisors (Tuesday October 7 at 9am) and Eureka City Council (Tuesday October 7 at 6pm). All 4 Eureka City Schools elementary schools will be participating in IWTSD with remote drop off locations established and school buses making stops at the remote drop off's. Winship Middle School is also participating. We haven't heard yet if Zane will be participating. Jenny will create a write up of all the Eureka events taking place and forward to elected officials. If Task Force members are available to walk with elected they can fill them in on what is going on with SR2S at the school site they are walking to. CHP will be on hand to provide extra patrols.

**Central Ave/McKinleyville Organizing Committee (MOC) Update:** Johnny Calkins gave an update on the Central Ave project. The first draft of plans for improvements will be presented Wednesday September 24 at Azalea Hall. They are hoping for a good turnout from the public. Lots of changes are coming to McKinleyville including a new Eureka Natural Foods and Ace Hardware is moving to down Central Ave. These changes are creating concerns from MOC members about traffic. The MOC's focus now is to work on a town center in McKinleyville to make businesses more accessible for walking and bicycling. Johnny also reported on the True North Organizing group that has a more regional focus on Humboldt, Del Norte, and tribal lands. The purpose is to look at regional issues to tackle problems in order to best address them. Johnny also let us know that more kids are biking to Morris School this year. The school district reconfigured the schools and now that Dows Prairie is only for younger grades and Morris is upper elementary grades, they have developed transportation hubs at each school where kids can go to the school closest to them to ride the bus to the school they attend. It seems to be working out well. We also heard a report about the spot next to the Dows Prairie parking lot that has been cleared of brush and leveled so that pedestrians can now have more room to walk. Lots of students appear to be using the new crosswalk at Little Pond recently installed by Public Works.

#### **Announcements:**

- HCAOG is looking for research on codes and regulations around bike parking.
- The Latino Net Health Fair is October 19 and a bike rodeo from 12-4pm is looking for volunteers.
- The California 3-foot law went into effect.
- SB 1151 is on the governor's desk to add \$35 to vehicle violations in school zones.
- The Loleta bike program is interested now in shifting to a walk/run club.
- Jacoby Creek Charter School is interested in conducting a Walk Audit.
- Rio Dell is interested in starting a SR2S program.
- A goal for the Task Force is to find funding for bike helmets - possibly through Coast Central Credit Union or a Rotary club.

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- Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health
- Patti Hafner – Fortuna Elementary School District
- Johnny Calkins – McKinleyville Organizing Committee
- Melanie Williams – BikesThere
- Lisa Hockaday – Caltrans
- Jorey McComas – Rio Dell School District

**September Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Approved.

**Dows Prairie Follow-up:** A project was proposed to the Task Force to follow up on a need from the Dows Prairie Walk Audit. The need is to pave (with asphalt) the area just south of the DP parking lot where the sidewalk ends. After the Walk Audit, the County cut back vegetation and graded that spot but more work is needed to prevent it from being muddy and undesirable for walking. A County program called the Rural Transportation Access and Partnership (RTAP) was created to create a streamlined, consistent process by which communities could bring forward potential roadway projects (often multi-modal or non-motorized projects) to the County. It was designed to enable local community groups to present a rationale for a project, research they might have done, and potentially get funding or matching funding to complete the project. The Task Force agreed to submit an RTAP application to get this project completed and dedicate the January meeting to working on the application. Perhaps Task Force members and/or Dows Prairie parents/PTA can approach local businesses to donate? Jenny agreed to invite Dows Prairie principal Kevin Scheffler to the next meeting and Jenny and Emily would take an initial stab at the application. Melanie agreed to contact Chris Whitworth and Art Reeves from the County. A copy of the RTAP application will be attached to the meeting minutes.

**Fortuna SR2S:** RCAA received funding from the McLean Foundation to continue SR2S work in Fortuna and assist South Fortuna Elementary school with safety issues as Redwood Preparatory Charter School transitions over to the S. Fortuna campus. The project will enable us to coordinate a walk audit, develop walking maps with suggested routes and arrival and dismissal maps in English and in Spanish. We also hope to support encouragement events such as Walk to School Day and would like to form a parent SR2S subcommittee to provide input on the maps. The Redwood Crossing Guard Program (RCGP) could also potentially expand to include S. Fortuna/Redwood Prep. Melanie Williams has been teaching pedestrian education to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders there through the RCGP and suggested we invite one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers if there is funding through the grant to pay for a sub. We will invite folks from a local walking/hiking club and others that attended the last walk audit there back in 2007.

**Announcements:**

- The McKinleyville Organizing Committee is working on their next issue, creating a town center concept. They are continuing to work on the Central Ave project too.
- We will be doing some work with Loleta School to help with arrival and dismissal issues. The County will also be installing a speed radar sign on Loleta Drive coming from the highway and a crosswalk and speed humps on Main Street in the business district next to the park.
- Patti Hafner will be retiring in June! We will miss her and wish her all the best!

**Next Meeting Date:** January 21, 2015 at 10am