

Agenda 2: Service Events

HOSA meetings can also be focused on serving your community! Service and community engagement are two key pillars of global health leadership. This method gives you flexibility, both in your approach and target audience. This engagement will give your members the opportunity to interact with their community hands-on, and bolster your chapter's impact.

Tips and Ideas for Kickstarting a Service Event

1. Identify significant health concerns in your community.
 - a. This is where you have freedom to address anything specific to your area. Take advantage of health's broadness, and feel free to leverage any connections you may have. Possible concerns to address are:
 - i. Senior mental health in your local nursing home
 - ii. Food/hygiene security in your local homeless shelter
 - iii. Terminal patient well-being in your local hospital
2. Brainstorm how to address these concerns.
 - a. This is where you must consider your chapter's means and resources. It's generally not recommended to overspend or use money you don't have on service events. You might have to think flexibly about ways to create an impact without breaking the bank.
 - i. Creating note-cards
 - ii. Drives for nonperishable food, monetary donation, menstrual products, etc.
 - iii. Blood drives
3. Reach out!
 - a. Contact the parties you're interested in working with.
 - i. Be direct. Stay on topic with your correspondence, and only mention relevant information. Stay concise!
 - ii. Be clear. Describe your organization, reason for reaching out, and its significance. Stay professional, and always provide relevant information for meetings/events (dates, time, location, etc.).
 - iii. Sell yourself. Share why your goal is important for your community. This should come from a place of genuine passion to avoid perceived condescension (which reflects poorly on the organization).
4. Organize your goal.
 - a. Plan ahead of time – don't procrastinate!
 - i. Helpful tool: setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals can help you both plan and organize your event with efficiency.
5. Execute your goal!
6. Follow up.

- a. Send a follow-up email to your partnering organization/community thanking them for their collaboration. It's essential to maintain positive relationships within your community for future endeavors.

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order & Welcome
 - a. President/Advisor opens meeting
 - b. Roll Call/Attendance if taking
2. Career Spotlight Presentation
 - a. Guest speakers can share: Career Path, Daily responsibilities, Education Path, Biggest Challenges, Advice for High school students, and more!
3. Q&A Session
 - a. Members ask the speaker questions about the profession, challenges, rewards, and opportunities
4. Closing
 - a. Thank the guest
 - b. Encourage members to reflect on what they learned