N. Pacific County Teen Advocacy Coalition (TAC)

April 11, 2011

Grant Applications were submitted to ABC and the Raymond Foundation, yet were not approved. Alisa mentioned the Gates Foundation as a possible funding source that will match up to 20% and has no deadline.

The N. Pac. Co. Teen Survey results were passed out to review. A total of 187 students completed the survey (87 Raymond, 65 South Bend, 33 Willapa Valley, and 2 other). Alcohol, Marijuana, Cigarettes, Chewing Tobacco, and Sex where identified as the largest issues facing teens. Students identified they would seek help and information from parents, first, and peers, second. Teens identified that more access to counselors, more presentations and a teen facebook page as the top things that would help prevent crisis situations. If peers where trained to provide information, support and a connection to resources, 37 students stated they would utilize them, 36 students stated they wouldn’t and 99 students stated they may. There is much more data available from this survey.

It was decided that our next meeting be focused on developing a mission. Ideas brought up during this discussion included the coalition providing oversight and project direction to a student arm of the coalition, possibly peer mentors, which would be tasked with implementation planning. There was a general consensus that the mission of the coalition should focus on mentoring. The need for a regularly updated student-friendly resource directory and a community activities list was also mentioned. It was noted that Melissa is currently providing Girls’ Circle in each school district. Erin explained the peer advisor program she was involved in that trained students from each of the schools to be available to provide information, support and a connection to resources, as well as conducted presentations in each of the schools.

For the next meeting, please think about any best practices that would relate to this coalition’s mission. Katie Lindstrom will be facilitating a mission development process with the group.

Next meeting: Monday, May 9, 2011, 3:30 PM, Riverview Education Center #110, Raymond

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Students

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Raymond School District

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Pacific Co. Health & Human Services Dept.

Kathy Spoor

\*Katie Lindstrom

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South Bend Police Dept.

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Willapa Behavioral Health

Eric Cummins

Crisis Support Network

Kris Camenzind

\*Rachel Vaughn

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