

N. Pacific County Teen Advocacy Coalition (TAC)

Through awareness, networking and action, we will create connections, promote pro-social activities and avenues for teen involvement that will strengthen mental health and reduce substance abuse.

NEW MEETING DATE/TIME: 2nd Monday of each month, 3:30 p.m., Room #101 in the GHC Riverview Education Center.

Sept 9, 2011

Introductions were done and an overview of TAC to familiarize new members with our mission. In that time, Allie Friese was introduced as our new VISTA volunteer who will be working full-time for TAC for the next year.

Kristen Lazelle gave a Facebook update. We talked about trying to get the word out to more students about the page and about the group in general. Allie then gave an update on the website, and it was suggested that a link to the Facebook page be put onto the website and that the website link itself be sent out to all members of TAC. Allie said she'd do it right away.

Erin Frasier then read the mission and vision to the group.

Katie Lindstrom then explained the "Key Leaders Orientation" plan and how it fits in with the Communities That Care plan that we're following. We talked about members of the community that are key leaders, such as principals, teachers, police officers, business people, etc., and discussed an orientation where we could get the word out to them about TAC and build our resource pool. We discussed how to invite people to this and agreed that it would be both through invitation, but also an event open to the community and advertised through a press release. It was not decided when or where this would take place.

It was also discussed that we start networking with the Know and Grow coalition that already exists in Pacific County.

The 2011-2012 work plan was discussed, as well as a number of ideas that are possibilities for the year. One idea that was discussed extensively was the possibility of a student-based mentoring program in which kids in each of the three schools (Valley, Raymond, South Bend) would be selected and trained to be resources to their peers. Allie said she would write up a plan for this project and talk to school members about the possibility of implementing it. Safe Homes Parent Network was another project that was brought up. It would include a list of parents who are committed to keeping their home and kids drug- and alcohol-free who could network to keep their kids safe in the community. Allie will also be working on this. The Drug Take-Back Day, talking to a pharmacist about pill recognition, asset builders' awards, building a youth arm of TAC, changing social norms, Facebook and the website are all things

that Allie will look into for the future. Rachelle Martin from the Raymond Timberland Library also volunteered a work space for future events (like trainings).

In regards to the recruitment plan, the most pressing issue discussed was to get school members on board with TAC to build a stronger tie with each school. Jason and Amy Nelson of South Bend were both mentioned as possibilities, Rachelle said she would talk to Jason, and Laura Rohr, Nancy Morris, and Rob Friese were all noted as Valley representatives who Allie would try and recruit.

The Youth Summit in Yakima was discussed and Erin and Kristen were both very interested in attending. Allie will work on finding a student from Valley and one from Raymond who may also be interested if the dates work for Erin.

Partners:

Students

*Kristen Lazelle (South Bend)
Jessica Jackson (Raymond)

Community Members

Heidi Wood
*Erin Frasier
Dawn Wright
*Randy Dennis

ESD 113

Pegi Littlejohn
Violet Corbit
Lee Bucsko
Alisa Shaffner-Bishop
Raymond Timberland Library
*Rachelle Martin

Raymond School District

Stephen Holland

Dale Bowen

Ministerial Association

*Paul Turner

Pacific Co. Health & Human Services

Dept.

*Judy Jones
*Katie Lindstrom

Melissa Sexton

South Bend Police Dept.

Eva Kanick

Willapa Behavioral Health

Eric Cummins

Crisis Support Network

Kris Camenzind

Rachel Vaughn

Willapa Valley School District

Paula Akerlund

Rob Friese

South Bend School District

Mike Morris

Mike Lee

Pacific Co. Juvenile Dept.

Jim Noren

Juliann Charaska

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe

Coleen Chapin-Glasscock