

N. Pacific County Teen Advocacy Coalition (TAC)

Our mission: 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.

Dec. 12, 2011

Announcement: Next North Pacific County Community Network Meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the Raymond Timberland Library.

Introduction

Board member election (chair, vice-chair, secretary/treasurer)

Up for election to the Board are:

Erin Frasier – Chair

Rachel Stanton – Vice-Chair

Allie Friese – Secretary/Treasurer

Paul Turner makes a motion for election of these three positions. The motion is seconded by Judy Jones and unanimously approved by all members present.

Standing Steering Committee Meeting

Allie will send out a Doodle through Email to get votes on the best day/time for the standing meeting.

SAMHSA and DFC Grant

Both grants are currently being worked on. The SAMHSA Grant is due Dec. 30, but the DFC Grant application information has not yet been officially released. Another DFC Grant Committee meeting will be planned after the information is available. Millage mini-grants were also mentioned. Kristen Klouse of Willapa Behavioral Health noted a few projects that they had going, including “Friends of Rachel” in all three school districts, Bully Prevention Week at WVHS, and 6-week parenting classes for ten families at RHS in March and again in October.

Peer Helpers Update

Allie gave an update on Peer Helpers, noting that Mr. Donovan (WVHS) and Mr. Bale (SBHS) had met to discuss to project and the retreat. A number of ideas were mentioned for the retreat, including holding it at Falls Creek in Lebam, making binders for each of the kids who attend, and taking participants through the low ropes course.

Discussion also took place about the ways that schools can be changed to make better atmosphere for all students. Among ideas mentioned were changing the atmosphere to honor kids other than just athletes, creating more clubs to increase student participation, galleries for art and photography clubs, and “after home-game parties” that are safe places for students to go and have fun after home sports games.

Coalition logic model

Katie Lindstrom explained the coalition logic model to members present. The model looks as follows:

Drunk Driving – binge drinking – perceived risk of being caught – zero tolerance laws

What this model shows is that drunk driving is the consequence. What causes drunk driving? Binge drinking. What will result in decreased binge drinking? Studies show that the biggest factor is the perceived risk of being caught. How do we increase the perceived risk of being caught? Work with law enforcement to ensure zero tolerance for underage drinkers, among other things.

The consequences that TAC members chose to focus our efforts on are: Date rape/abusive relationships; suicide/depression; teen pregnancy; and high school drop-out rates. These things will be discussed further at the steering committee and regular TAC meeting after Allie does more research to determine contributing factors to these issues.

Students

*Kristen Lazelle (South Bend)

Community Members

Heidi Wood

*Erin Frasier

Dawn Wright

Randy Dennis

*Kayla Monson

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

*Kristen Klouse

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-Glasscoc