

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.

Jan. 9, 2012

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Dec. 12 meeting moved to be approved by Allie Friese, seconded by Paul Turner and approved unanimously by coalition.

Steering Committee Reminder

Coalition members were reminded of the upcoming Steering Committee meeting, which will be held Jan 10 at 3:00 at GHC in Riverview. The coalition's logic model and the Drug-Free Communities Grant will be discussed in detail at the meeting.

Peer Helpers update

It was announced to coalition members that \$2,400 was awarded from Pacific County Millage for the Peer Helpers groups that are being created in South Bend and Willapa Valley high schools. The money will mainly go toward a retreat that will be held to train the students on March 2-4 in a center that is to be determined. The Ocean Park Retreat Center and Camp Bethel in Brooklyn were both mentioned as possible sites for the retreat. Allie noted that she contacted Falls Creek for the possibility of hosting the retreat, but they said they didn't allow high school groups to rent, even if they're chaperoned. Allie also mentioned that possibility of taking the students through a low ropes course, and Katie Lindstrom volunteered to help facilitate. We are anticipating 20 students in all.

The students will receive training in a number of areas during this retreat and in order to utilize the resources in our community, it was decided that Allie will send out an email to various local organizations and individuals (Crisis Support Network, Willapa Behavioral Health, Meditation and Settlement Center, Violet Corbit, Amy Nelson) to ask if they would like to present a curriculum to these students. This would not only help train the peer helpers group, but also acquaint them with adults in the community who could be used as resources in the future.

Choose date for Town Hall, create Town Hall committee

A sign-up sheet for the Town Hall committee was sent around and included: Katie Lindstrom, Rachel Stanton, Allie Friese, Erin Frazier, Paul Turner, Judy Jones and Melissa Sexton. Members present decided that the Town Hall should have dinner, a keynote speaker, and breakout sessions following. The theme was also discussed, and was settled on a broad topic such as community wellness so that we can interest a larger number of community members. Clay Roberts of the Search Institute was mentioned as a possible keynote speaker.

Draw the Line Campaign

The Draw the Line Campaign has three options for projects. If a group/coalition completes one, they received \$500, two is \$1,000 and all three is \$2,000. After much discussion, the coalition decided to try toward all three. The Town Hall Committee will be taking the lead on project 1 (Law Enforcement and Legislators); Allie will take the lead on project 2 (Retailers) with Melissa Sexton helping to recruit the students needed to complete it; and Paul Turner will head project 3 (Social Host Ordinance). The Campaign needs to be completed by May 15, with final reports in on May 30. Judy Jones motioned to complete all three of the projects, the motion was seconded by Katie Lindstrom and passed unanimously by the coalition.

Asset Builder Nomination

The Asset Builder awards have been discussed previously, and it was decided that we should start working on giving Asset Builder Awards. It was mentioned that our first award could be given at the Town Hall. It was also suggested that the Asset Builder Nomination form be put up on the TAC website and Facebook page. Allie said she would work on this. A list of nominations was compiled (Amy Nelson, Brad Zumbuhl, Larry Bale, Laura Rohr, Trish Bisbee, Connie Schmidt, Toni Gwin, Don and Shirley Luoma) but no one was chosen. The coalition decided that Allie would send out the list and members would add details to nominations about why they should be considered for the award. After details are compiled, another email will be sent out and votes will be taken.

Partners:

Students

*Kristen Lazelle (South Bend)

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 Stanton

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