Teen Advocacy Coalition

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014 - 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Raymond High School Library

In Attendance:

Bob Caetano (WBH), Dave Vetter (RHS), Emily Popovich (TRL), Gracie Manlow (SB AmeriCorps), Jim Bergstrom (PCSO), Jim Noren (PCJC), Katie Oien-Lindstrom (PCHD), Kristin Clouse (WBH), Meredith Payton (BBBS), Mike Morris (SBSD), Nancy Morris (WVSD), Natasha Nesbitt (TAC), Paul Turner (WHMA), Paul Wirkkala (PCJC), Renee Boggs (TAC), Rob Verboomen (RPD), Sean Bresnanhan (PCYA), Sharon Block (PCHD), Steve Holland (RSD).

Kristin Clouse called meeting to order @ 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. Newly-Elected Board Members Announced:

* Erin Fraiser (GHC), Chair
* Kristen Clouse (WBH), Vice-Chair
* Paul Turner (WHMA), Secretary
* Emily Popovich (TRL), Treasurer
* Katie Oien-Lindstrom (PCHD), Member-at-Large

1. Introduction of New Staff:

* Bob Caetano (WBH), Fiscal Manager
* Natasha Nesbitt, Project Coordinator
* Renee Boggs, Project Assistant

1. Announcements:

* Pacific County Youth Alliance (PCYA) Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th @ noon at the Grays Harbor College Riverview Education Center.
* CADCA National Leadership Forum: February 3rd – 6th, Maryland. Jim Bergstrom and Rob Verboomen expressed interest in attending.

1. Training:

* Bob Caetano and Natasha Nesbitt reported on the 2013 DFC New Grantee Meeting that they both attended on December 10th -14th in Washington D.C. They received instruction regarding the grant’s reporting requirements, prevention strategies, and best practices from other coalitions from across the nation. They learned that a considerable amount of staff time will be devoted to grant reporting over the next two months.
* Natasha Nesbitt and Renee Boggs reported on the Week 1 CADCA National Coalition Academy Training that they attended on January 6th – 10th in Dupont, Washington. They received instruction on how to gather local data and perform community assessments/action plans. There will be two more week-long trainings through the academy that staff will attend this year.

1. Planning for 2014 Town Hall Meeting:
   * + Katie Oien-Lindstrom described past Town Hall events held by TAC, and explained the motivation for holding such events.
     + Proposals for speakers were submitted from the group: Clay Roberts (“40 Developmental Assets”) and Brad Worthy (“Simples Steps to an Extraordinary Career and Life”).
     + Natasha Nesbitt was tasked with contacting the proposed speakers to ascertain costs and available dates.
     + The group discussed potential themes for the event, with “community positivity” being the final consensus.
     + The group discussed the target audience for the event and agreed that it should appeal to both adults and youth.
     + There was some discussion about holding additional activities in conjunction with the event, including a carnival.
     + Katie Oien-Lindstrom informed the group that the Peer Helpers would likely be available to assist with the event.
2. Proposals for 2014 TAC Meeting Agenda Topics/Future Projects:
   * + Gathering information about other community projects
     + Using local media to publicize TAC
     + Finding sponsors to provide food for events
     + Facilitating activities after Friday night football games to include pizza, soda, video games, etc. There will be five to six games total.
     + Facilitating a post-Prom breakfast. To build sustainability Peer Helpers should be involved.
     + Eventually developing arts programs for local youth.
3. Law Enforcement in Schools:
   * The group discussed items involving law enforcement that were included in the 2013-2014 Action Plan, including: drug prevention, use of breathalyzers before Prom, officer led staff trainings for dealing with impaired students, Tobacco retailer compliance checks, issues with adults contributing to minors, and the Above the Influence program.
   * School and Community Prevention Consultants: School and Law Enforcement Representatives Dave Vetter, Mike Morris, Nancy Morris, Jim Bergstrom and Rob Verboomen expressed interest in meeting as a sub-committee to discuss implementation of the program.

Kristen closed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.