

Teen Advocacy Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Monday June 9, 2014 – 3:15pm – 4:45pm

Raymond High School Library

In Attendance:

Danni Massin (EDC), David Vetter (RHS), Emily Popovich (TRL), Erin Frasier (GHC), Geri Marcus (WBH), Kayla Camenzind (Willapa Harbor Herald), Kristin Clouse (WBH), Natasha Nesbitt (TAC), Paul Wirkkala (PCJC), Rob Verboomen (RPD), Sandy Moser (volunteer), Sharon Block (PCHD), Tanya Schiller (TAC), Todd Fosse (PCSO).

Erin Frasier called meeting to order at 3:21pm.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Erin Frasier initiated individual group member introductions and involvement in TAC.
- 2) Show and Tell was skipped this month.
- 3) Geri Marcus made a motion to approve the May 2014 minutes. They were approved by voice vote. 2 small revisions will be made – Sharon Block was listed in attendance even though she was not present at the May meeting. Kristin's name will be corrected to spelling with an "i"!
- 4) The DFC Budget was reviewed. The upcoming peer retreat will be a large budget item. Natasha and Tanya will work on getting match organized and up to date.
- 5) Administrative Update: Tanya Schiller is officially hired on as TAC's Administrative Assistant. Right now she is working on cleaning up the logos, creating letter heads and business cards, organization branding, updating Facebook, and researching designing a new website.
 - a) We are still working on shifting the by-laws and adjusting the active membership base so that an accurate vote can be collected.
 - b) Emily Popovich had a TAC display at the GHC Expo last weekend. She handed out several flyers and deemed it a success. She suggests that people be on the look-out for other tabling opportunities.
- 6) Office Relocation Discussion: Natasha and Tanya are interested in shifting their office space out of Willapa Behavioral Health and into another building. The goal within the new space is to provide privacy for the organization as well as have an active space for youth to come in and meet.
 - a) The ideal space would be able to have at least 2-3 office work stations and able to accommodate up to 4 people with some space for storage.
 - b) If there is a location that would be able to donate the space for matching with the grant, that would be preferred.

- i) Danni Massin suggested checking out the office spaces that are in the same building as the EDC. Security State Bank owns the building.
 - ii) David Vetter suggested checking out the Methodist Church.
 - iii) Erin Frasier mentioned there are offices available in GHC, but they would only be able to provide a discount, not a full match contribution to rent.
 - iv) Empty storefronts within downtown Raymond should also be pursued.
- 7) A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Peer Helpers Retreat Subcommittee. The event will take place Saturday-Monday, October 25th-27th, 2014 at the Falls Creek Retreat Center in Lebam, WA.
 - a) In addition to volunteering on the subcommittee, there is a need for chaperones during the day and to stay overnight during the event.
 - b) There is also a need for speakers/presenters for the retreat. Some common topics are: bullying, peer pressure, depression and LBGTQ resources.
 - c) There is interest in specifically involving law enforcement in the retreat.
 - d) Consider the idea of incorporating an overarching theme for the retreat.
 - e) The funding of the youth to the retreat was discussed. Most of the sponsorship will come from the DFC grant, but the kids in South County may be supported by Well Spring.
- 8) Interest was expressed in having a TAC booth the Pacific County Fair, 2014. It's a possibility that the booth could be shared or combined with the local Police and Fire Departments. The contact person is Scott McDougal.
- 9) Prevention Officers Update: Ryan Miskell is planning a student vs. officer basketball game.
 - a) Liability on school property was briefly discussed.
- 10) Sharon Block (PCHD) discussed the Medical Reserve Corps and passed out flyers. The Corps works to provide alternate care facilities and parties who are interested do not need to have experience in the medical field. She is looking toward the steps necessary to involve students under the age of 18.
 - a) The Medical Reserve Corps sometimes works in conjunction with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
 - b) Natasha mentioned that CERT is trying to become involved with local schools.
- 11) For the summer TAC is going to be focused on more administrative tasks as well as building a strong member and youth base rather than programming.
- 12) The July TAC meeting will be held at the GHC Riverview Center because school will be out for the summer.
- 13) It was suggested that TAC become more involved in supporting and volunteering at events held at the South Bend and Raymond Timberland Libraries.
- 14) Members agreed to hold the August 11th TAC meeting instead of cancelling it.

15) No agenda items were suggested for the July 2014 meeting.

16) Erin adjourned the meeting at 4pm.