

Teen Advocacy Coalition
General Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017, 3:15-4:15pm
Raymond High School Library

In Attendance: Ryan Miskell (RPD), Aaron Gillies (ESD 113, Gravity Learning Center), Paul Turner (Ministerial Assoc/GHC), Tanya Schiller (NJP), Gracie Manlow (PCHD), Kelsey Hopstad (AmeriCorps GHC), Becca Manlow (AmeriCorps GHC), Bob Caetano (WBH), Kelsey Staats (AmeriCorps SB School District), Peter McNamara (AmeriCorps BBBS SB), Michele Buzzelli (TAC), Zoe Sowa (SBPD), Becky Fischer (PCYA), Bree Shinkle (PCYA)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ryan Miskell

- a. Pop quiz
 - i. *Lyndsey, Jessica, and Gracie have been working on an evening program together. What is it?*
 - 1. *Strengthening Families*
 - ii. *What South Bend Peer Helper event happened on February 23rd and where?*
 - 1. *Open Mic Night at Elixir*
 - iii. *What presentation did ESD 113 and True North sponsor two weeks ago?*
 - 1. *High in Plain Sight – Tall Cop Says Stop*
 - iv. *What event happened at Raymond High School today?*
 - 1. *Taproot Theater*

2. Show and Tell – Donna Hallock, Restorative Justice

- a. Donna was absent from the meeting – Show & Tell postponed

3. Approval of February Minutes

- a. Kelsey Hopstad made motion to approve the minutes. Paul Turner seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Board Reports

- a. Vice Chair's Report – Ryan Miskell
 - i. Summary of Board Meeting
 - 1. TAC's goals moving forward – regrouping
 - a. Town Hall is coming up; a speaker has been selected. Youth to Youth International featured speaker, Sean Derrik will be presenting on Wednesday April 26th which is the Wednesday following Spring Break. He is young and hip and should appeal

well to the high school audiences. He uses music, dance and comedy. His message focuses on overcoming obstacles and moving forward.

- b. Sean Derrick will hold 2 assemblies for the high schools (SB and Raymond) and 1 event for the parents for the community. The third location is to be determined.

2. AmeriCorps Update

- a. TAC no longer has a member serving but there is an opening for a new member for next year. Recruitment will be happening soon.

b. Coordinator's Report – Michele Buzzelli

i. Communities That Care (CTC) Facilitator Training

- 1. Michele spent the last week in Seattle at the training. CTC is a system that would help TAC be a more sustainable organization. The program is expensive but approved by DFC. There are tools that TAC would be able to implement for free without needing to pay for the full program. Michele is excited to begin implementing the tools at meetings and other TAC related events.

ii. Strengthening Families

iii. Tall Cop Says Stop

5. Youth Coalition – Michele Buzzelli

a. Taproot Theater Production at RHS

- i. This is second year the touring production came to RHS. Students have enjoyed the event.

b. SBHS Peer Helper's Open Mic Night

- i. Kelsey Staats coordinated the event with the South Bend Peer Helpers. There were over 35 people that attended the event. Nancy Nisbet, owner of Elixir, was pleased with the turnout. Everyone bought something from the coffee shop, which was good support for the business, especially as Nancy allowed use of her venue free of charge.

c. Sources of Strength

- i. The themes in the upcoming Sources of Strength weeks will also be repeated and related to the themes of Town Hall.

- d. Upcoming projects / new ideas

6. TAC Committees

- a. Capacity Building Committee
 - i. Michele and Sharon Block are currently working on updating TAC's sector reps. Sharon is working on writing a script that can be used to contact the sector reps in regard to next steps for building a community coalition and moving forward with TAC goals and ideas.
- b. Finance Committee
 - i. No new news.
- c. Substance Abuse Prevention Committee
 - i. TAC is in the process of being awarded a grant through ESD 113 and True North (via PCHD) for \$20,000 for Tobacco & E-Vape prevention. Michele just spoke with Katie Lindstrom and has received a green light to move ahead with programming. TAC will soon be recruiting for volunteers to assist with bottle tagging for responsible retailers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Michele (she also has business cards with contact info).
 - 1. For the grant, the Peer Helpers will need to complete a large project. The \$20,000 must be used by the end of June 2017. Michele mentioned the possibility of implementing the "barn project" as discussed at last month's TAC meeting.
 - a. Kelsey Hopstad explained that a coalition from West Virginia presented a project at CADCA where, in their small town, they had an old building with tobacco ads. The coalition banded together and painted an old barn for free with anti-tobacco messages. The barn was visible to many and sparked conversation and excitement within the community. Soon, 13 barns were painted with various messages, including one partnership with Susan B. Komen for breast cancer awareness. The barn project was a great example of the power of counter-narrative.
 - b. For TAC, this could potentially be a great, active event for youth members. TAC likes the concept but acknowledges that the "barn" may not have to be a literal barn. The group

discussed the possibility of painting park benches or putting information on the highway 6 billboard. The other side of billboard features a large McDonald's sign.

- ii. Prevention Facts
 - 1. "Not for Kids" requirement – February 14, 2017
- iii. Prevention Consultants Update
 - 1. South Bend High School's program will be suspended for April with hopes to be re-evaluated and re-implemented for May.
- iv. Call for Substance Abuse Prevention Volunteers
 - 1. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee is welcome to join.

7. DFC Reports – Bob Caetano

- a. TAC spent over \$12,000 this month thanks to added personnel. \$4500 was spent from the carry-over budget for the CADCA training. TAC still needs to spend \$97,000 before the end of the fiscal year (end of September 2018). The \$20,000 ESD money will also need to be spent, though as per Katie, the funding could be used to supplement DFC funding that could cover expenses such as food, catering, printing costs etc. Funding other than DFC money, which has lots of restrictions, is essential for sustainability within TAC.

8. Call for April Agenda Items

- a. Show and Tell – Michele will contact Donna Hallock to see if she is interested in presenting for April

9. Member Announcements

- a. Zoe Sowa – 3rd Annual Guns and Hoses Basketball Tournament
 - i. The event was a success and the turnout was great. This year, Guns and Hoses doubled their fundraising from last year's event. Guns (police departments) beat out the Hoses (fire departments) for the 3rd year running but the game was very close this year. There were lots of elements to the event, including, logo-ed ball toss to the audience, 3-point shoot competition at half-time, raffles, and acknowledgement to the Grays Harbor Hawks, the local Special Olympics team that placed 2nd in the state. The SBHS basketball teams ran the concession stand and sold out of their items. All concessions proceeds went back to the HS team.
- b. Tanya Schiller & Paul Turner – Dispute Resolution Center GH & Pacific Counties

- i. For those that have completed the 40-hour Basic Mediation Training (BMT), there will be an upcoming 20-hour Parent/Teen mediation training. The next BMT will be held on June 15, 16, 17th and 23rd-25th from 9:00am – 6:00pm. Interested parties should contact Donna Hallock. At this time there are not scholarships available and the topic of training costs is up for debate. The DRC board is working towards developing a system where trained mediators could get paid as private contractors. Currently, mediators serve on a volunteer basis, though the paid staff (Executive Director and 2 Assistant Directors) do the majority of the mediations. One doesn't become a mediator through taking the BMT alone, a person must continue their training through practicums to develop their skillset. A person's mentor will guide the training with mock mediations, observations, and instruct the trainee for passing the written exam.
- c. Gracie Manlow – Sources of Strength
 - i. Naselle Peer Helpers have been working hard to put on a game night but have had issues with scheduling. Hopefully the event will be put on after Spring Break. There will be an open gym, open mic, t-shirt decorating, and video games.
- d. Aaron Gillies – ESD 113 Gravity Learning Center
 - i. Aaron handed out brochures to the group and explained programming. Gravity is a GED reengagement school for youth 16-21 for youth that have dropped out of traditional school. Gravity has funding to help with breaking down barriers for students' goals including payments for trainings, clothes for job interviews, supplies, etc. Gravity can help students to get into college, military, etc.
- e. Becky Fischer – PCYA
 - i. It's the end of AmeriCorps Appreciation Week and Becky wanted to be sure to thank the Pacific County members. There will be an official recognition lunch at the AmeriCorps team meeting on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 11:00am at the Cove Restaurant in Long Beach. All are welcome to attend.

Next TAC Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
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