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TEEN ADVOCACY COALITION

General Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8th, 2018 3:15-5:00pm
Raymond High School Library

In Attendance:

Lynsey Owen (Chair), Zoe Sowa (Vice-Chair), Bob Caetano (Project Director/Fiscal Agent), Paige Coleman (Project Coordinator), Tania Remmers (Administrative Assistant), Kelsey Hopstad (Secretary), Jessica Verboomen (Treasurer), Emily Popovich (Past Chair), Lindsey Blakely (Blakely Media), Peter McNamara (Big Brother Big Sisters/ TAC Member-at-Large), Kelsey Staats (South Bend School District), Chuck Spoor (Raymond Police Department Police Chief), Tanya German (Northwest Justice Project), Barbie Smith (Dispute Resolution Center), Meghan Brock (Juvenile Court South Bend), Colby Peters (Work Source Aberdeen), Brad Donovan (Willapa Valley High School), Jewel Hardy (A Better Community), Mike Geer-Wagenblast (Dispute Resolution Center), Aaron Gillies (ESD 113 Gravity Learning Center) Becky Fischer (Pacific County Youth Alliance), Nichole Page (True North ESD 113), Linda Ginther (Parent Volunteer), Adrienne Lynch (South Bend School District)

3:15-3:35 pm Welcome from Chair (Lyndsey) and Brief Introductions around the Table

3:35-4:00pm Teen Advocacy Coalition's Summary Report from the Board-(Lyndsey Owen)

1. Highlights of the 1/8/18 Board Meeting
 - a. Lyndsey presented the group with the DBHR Project Grant that she has been working on. If funded \$20,000. It will be a quick turnaround grant starting February and will go through June 30th. If awarded we will use it for the following: Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings, Guiding Good Choices (5 night series), Second Step (Raymond and South Bend – possibly Willapa Valley
 - b. Lyndsey asked members for a vote of confidence to proceed. Board members with conflict of interest recused themselves from the vote. Members voted yay to proceed.
2. General Membership Votes: Prior Meeting Minutes, Carryover Request Items
 - a. The group voted on the December Meeting Minutes and approved them
 - b. The Carryover Request which was submitted 1/2/18 was presented to the group and it was noted that a vote would need to happen today 1/8/18. Members present were provided with a Carryover Request Budget Financial Summary. Paige and Lyndsey headed the discussion. Zoe motioned to approve the Carryover Request, Jessica seconded. The group then voted yay to approve moving ahead with the Carryover Request.



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- i. Tall Cop Says Stop Training – 8/28th tentatively. Can't move ahead until carryover is approved by the DFC. Lyndsey is waiting for the go ahead. We may have to have a sub in if we can't get him because of the tight schedule the trainer has.

3. TAC Committee Summary Reports

- a. Committee chairs gave a brief overview of committees and their roles
- b. Capacity Building, Finance, and Substance Abuse Prevention Committee Sign Up sheets handed out and members asked to sign up to participate
- c. DFC Financial Report – Project Director/CFO Bob Caetano
 - i. We are in year 5 of our DFC Grant and need to reapply for years 6-10.
 - ii. Bob gave a quick overview on match and why need members to turn in the match. We usually have more match than spending.
 - iii. Bob also reminded the group that we need their latest rate of pay.
- d. Youth Arm- Chair, Lyndsey Owen
 - i. Holiday Party had at least 150 attendees of all ages. Thank you to our volunteers!
 - ii. Each Peer Helper Advisor (Lyndsey Owen, Brad Donovan, and Adrienne Lynch) from the three schools spoke about what they have been doing in their schools.

4:00-4:45pm "2018 Plans and Ideas to Support and Involve Youth" Mini-workshop

- a. All members were invited to participate in a mini-workshop
 - a. Goal - idea generation and to come up with some things to focus on in the coming months.
 - b. The Five Topics were: Social, Training/Education, Arts, Random, Outdoor
 - c. The Top Picks in each category:
 - i. Social – Game Night, More Local Community Events (like Open Mic night, Holiday Parties), Grandparents day at school
 - ii. Training/Education – Soft Skills (Job style), Communication Skills, Survival Training, Cooking Classes/Basic nutrition, Youth Leadership
 - iii. Arts – Sip and paint night, Youth Film Festival, Youth Contributions to Hearts for the Arts
 - iv. Random- Youth Advisory Council, Peer Helper Award Night, community/TAC service days, create programs/increase celebrations for national holidays.



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- v. Outdoor- Guided Leadership Bike Ride and/or hike, Recreational Leagues (ball sports), Geocache (places of Strength and providers)
- d. The Group discussed the ideas and we found that Jewell from ABC is currently working on soft skills and would like help/to partner with members who have knowledge about getting a job fair going. We also heard from Becky who let us know that the Bay Center Tribe could use some help on Saturday May 19th to clean up their parks (Zoe, Paige, and Linda will follow up with Becky).
- e. Next steps will be to have the Peer Helper Advisors meet with the Peer Helpers and do some further idea generating and narrowing down things to move forward on. This will require strong adult leadership w/ Teen involvement and participation to move forward.
 - i. How will we get non-Peer Helper ideas?
 1. Idea boards will be hung in the classrooms
 2. Paige and Tania will draft a one sheet poster to hang in the classrooms to generate ideas.
 3. We are trying to move forward and support things that are already happening as well.

4:45pm Members were asked to provide one word feedback. We heard the following:
Enlightening, Make Stuff Happen, Worthwhile, Yay for Innovation, Educational, Up-to-Speed, Collaboration, Participation, Refreshing, Engaging, Informative, Progressive, Inclusive, Different, I liked it, and Thank You

We are all better together!

4:55pm Member Announcements/All Other Business/Wrap Up

-Mike Announced there will be a 40hr Basic Mediation Training and handed everyone a flyer. For more information go the Dispute Resolution Aberdeen Website.

-Becky announced there are Americorps openings February to Mid -August and handed out a flyer to members. Becky also announced there will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid training 8 hr course coming up.

-Emily announced that on the 1st Saturday of each month there is a Board Games@ the Library Program.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018

3:15 – 4:45 pm

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