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TEEN ADVOCACY COALITION

**General Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 12th 3:15-4:45pm
Raymond High School Library**

In Attendance: Bethany Barnard (Grays Harbor Community College, Riverview Campus), Aaron Gillies (Gravity), Peter McNamra (Big Brothers Big Sisters, TAC Member-at-Large), Zoe Sowa (South Bend Police Department, TAC Vice Chair), Kelsey Hopstad (Pacific County Health Department, Road to Resiliency, TAC Secretary), Gonzalez (South Bend Police Department), Lyndsey Owen (Raymond School District, TAC Chair), Tanya German (Northwest Justice Project), Rachel McClain (Community Support Network), Mike Geer-Wagenblast (Dispute Resolution Center Grays Harbor and Pacific County), Gracie Manlow (Pacific County Health Department), Becky Fischer (Pacific County Youth Alliance), Jessica Verboomen (ESD 113, TAC Treasurer). Chuck Spoor (Raymond Police Department)

1. Lyndsey opened the meeting and the members introduced themselves around the table.
2. February 2018 General Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.
3. Announcements (Brief)
 1. Mike Geer-Wagenblast announced a 40 Basic Mediation Training in April and handed out flyers.
 2. Paige told us that Tanya German came down to the TAC office and helped staff with the TAC website and thanked her for helping us to work on revamping it.
 3. GHC is going to host two community forums. The first one will be on the 28th @ the Riverview Center campus, and the second on the 29th @ the campus in Ilwaco. They are hoping to get feedback from the community and would like to talk to folks about their strategic plan and about the addition of direct transfer degrees and a couple of new certification programs.
 4. Bethany Barnard announced Willapa Harbor Business week is coming up on 3/30. They are in need of tradeshow judges and stakeholders. The Stakeholders would need to be available to volunteer from 8:15 until Noon. And the tradeshow judges would be needed from 11 until Noon.
 5. Lyndsey sent around flyers for a Know your Rights Program (Northwest Immigrant Rights Project) which will take place on April 13 at the Raymond High school. TAC staff will forward information to their partners.
 6. Aaron Gillies announced there will be a screening of Kevin Hines movie at the Lacey Cinema on March 29th. Theme is unmasking the suicide epidemic.
 7. Kelsey Hopstad and Lyndsey Owen announced Guiding Good Choices Program has begun. Partnership between R2R and TAC. The program is for parents and any others in a care giving capacity.
 8. Becky announced that on 3/16 there will be a speaker through the Boys and Girls Club on Culture of Poverty.
4. Report outs on past and upcoming Events-
 1. Zoe reported a successful Guns and Hoses Event Law won. Teen Advocacy Coalition, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and Pacific County Youth Alliance tabled



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at the event. The event was to support the Guns and Hoses Scholarship fund for youth in our communities.

5. The group was directed to look at the current proposed MOU between Teen Advocacy Coalition and Willapa Behavioral Health in their agenda packet. The MOU was voted and approved.
6. A new Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee was announced. Members were directed to contact Staff or Chair to join the committee.
7. Jessica Verboomen (chair of the Finance Committee) gave us an update on the Budget. We have a wish list without constraints that has been trimmed down. We are looking toward the future of how to sustain the coalition after DFC funds are no longer available. Next Finance meeting will be on March 19th @ 11 am. The committee sign-up sheet was sent around the table encouraging members to join in the planning.
 1. Update on 501c3 creation.
 2. Creation of an ad-hoc Sustainability Committee (aka fundraising/grants)
 3. Job Opening: Project Director Position will be posted.
8. Zoe Sowa reported out on the Capacity Building Committee. Next meeting is on March 22nd @ 10 am. Topic of discussion will include the Town Hall event. Arti Patel will be here for a training the day of 4/12/18. This will be the first planning meeting for the event. Normally the Town Hall Committee would be its own standalone committee; however the same folks for Capacity Building signed up for Town Hall so we are merging them for this year.
9. Lyndsey reported that students have chosen the theme of Enchanted Garden for the Prom theme this year. TAC staff will need to get input from the Youth Arm for the After Prom Party. In the past the South Bend Commons (multi-purpose room) is where the event has taken place. It is noted that we have a \$500 mini grant from WCN to spend.
10. Lyndsey told us about the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training that is being held 3/19. Contact Lyndsey or Gracie for information. This is an Evidence Based Program.
11. Peter McNamara inquired about the Drug Take Back Event and whether or not to table @ other events. The Board has decided not to table at events as they believe our presence will be lost in the shuffle of things. We could look into it at other events that may not be so busy. We are considering promoting through PSA announcements and local media. Gracie suggested partnering with pharmacies, eye clinics, and Veters, possibly putting cards in bags. Paige Coleman (coordinator for TAC) and Kelsey Hopstad (TAC Secretary) as Coordinator for Road to Resiliency will coordinate and the Substance Use Prevention Committee will take on the Drug Take Event in partnership with RTR.



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12. The Substance Use Prevention Committee met last week. Our Prevention officers will continue to build relationships with youth through school and TAC sanctioned events. It was agreed that the partnership would be year around and not just with the school calendar. The committee plans on meeting at least quarterly to gather their successes and report back. We are focusing on consistency of presence in the schools.
13. Zoe Sowa, Vice Chair, called for a vote on a new member. Linda Hohn was voted in by the group as a new member.
14. Paige Coleman reported that we are in the midst of working on the DFC year 6-10 application. Paige requested guidance from the Finance Committee and reported having received the Healthy Youth Survey data. We are still waiting on the Carryover request.
15. The group went back to sharing out community events. Tanya German shared the GH community band and Civic Choice will be holding an event at the Raymond Theatre on Sunday March 25th. Tickets can be purchased online - \$12. Chuck Spoor reported that the South Bend High school will have a soccer team next year. Trying to reach kids who haven't been part of other sports. The Group discussed how TAC and Partners could help. Lyndsey suggested maybe a soccer camp. Peter asked about maybe having a summer league. If youth are homeless we can direct them to talk to liaisons Lyndsey or Manny and gear can be purchased at no cost to the youth. Gracie Manlow announced that South Bend is gearing up for a group adventure day at Ocean Park Retreat Center on May 23rd or 24th in partnership with Americorps who will be training low ropes. The counting is providing for free. Members were directed to contact Gracie if they would like to help. Prevention Trainings have been announced. Dates and free trainings can be found through the Athena Forum online. Becky Fischer announced there is an Aces Presentation for providers which PCYA is sponsoring on 3/21 and an additional training on 3/22. Becky announced a training in Tacoma on 3/26 – What does non-profits look like to you. This training is through South County Well Spring. Pacific County Youth Alliance is here to network, share, capacity build and is willing to share events on their email distribution lists. Paige Coleman brought the group back to speaking about Outdoor Programs/Activities and suggested we start an ad hoc committee. The group decided to let Capacity Building take it on for now. Tanya German announced they are looking for students to join the GC band. Peter announced Naselle has several Bigs and matches now. He also reported tabling at Guns and Hoses and that all their promotional material was handed out. They are looking at pairing Bigs with badges. (Littles with Law Enforcement). Big Brothers were awarded a grant through Pac Mountain for job skills training for Bigs. Bethany Barnard from Grays Harbor College announced an employment day 3/29/18 at the college. Peter announced Big Brothers Big Sisters were invited to Naselle College and Career day 3/21/18.



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***Next Meeting:** Monday, April 9th, 2018*

3:15 – 4:45 pm

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