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**General Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 9th 3:15-4:45pm
Raymond High School Library**

In Attendance:

Peter McNamara (Board Member at Large), Paige Coleman (Coordinator), Tania Remmers (Administrative Assistant), Mike Geer-Wagenblast (Dispute Resolution Center), Luis Gonzalez (South Bend Police Department), Aaron Gillies (ESD 113), Tanya German (Northwest Justice Project), Meghan Brock (Pacific County Juvenile Court), Gracie Manlow (Pacific County Health Department), Zoe Sowa (Vice Chair), Kelsey Hopstad (Secretary), Jessica Verboomen (Treasurer), Lyndsey Owen (Chair)

1. Peter McNamara opened the meeting @ 3:20.
2. The group was asked to review March Meeting Minutes. Tanya German motioned to approve. Mike Geer-Wagenblast seconded. The minutes were approved with a request for revision of Aaron Gillies name to be amended.
3. The Group was reminded of two upcoming programs:
 1. Training of Trainers – E-Cigarettes: Finding the Truth among the vapers program will be held on April 12, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
 2. Town Hall Event also on April 12th from 5:00 pm to 8 pm. Arti Patel will be presenting, we have multiple groups tabling. The panel will consist of law enforcement and other community members at the South Bend Chamber. Paige Coleman called for volunteers and a sign-up sheet was passed around the table. Volunteers and Community tables may begin setting up at 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Peter will contact the Bigs to see if youth want to be involved. Community Service is okay and staff or Lyndsey can sign for students. Data will be collected at the welcome table at the event. Data will include age, gender and ethnicity. The data is required for the funder and will be anonymous.
4. Kelsey and Lyndsey passed around flyers for the Know your Rights event happening on 4/13 5:00 to 6pm at the Raymond High School commons.
5. After Prom Party is approaching. Lyndsey gathered some information from the Raymond students. Peter and Paige are going to visit students at Valley and South Bend schools to gather their input as we need to respect all three schools input. Tanya German noted that she has access to a snow cone machine if we would like to use it.
6. A Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) event will be held on May 7th 9:00-5:00 at the South Bend Health Department. Attendees will include law enforcement, providers, and educators.
7. Another program happening is Guiding Good Choices- April 24th-May 22nd 5:30-7:30 Raymond High School. This is an evidence based program.
8. Raymond students are celebrating Sources of Strength Week- April 9th-13th. Lyndsey has set up activities and has taken pictures which she will upload to our Facebook page. Lyndsey passed around the Sources of Strength Art Contest Flyer. Deadline for submissions is April 13th to win an Amazon gift card.

9. Capacity Building Committee has been working on Town Hall, met to define their group and what is considered capacity building, helped with CIA agreements for Sector Reps. Membership applications can be completed via paper or online through google forms. It is noted that Capacity Building is also supporting a Community Truancy Board which will meeting today April 9th at 4:30 PM. Members are welcome to stay after today's General Round Table meeting.
10. Community Truancy Board Information- April 9th at 4:30!
11. Substance Use Prevention Committee reported out on their current events.
 1. E-Cigarette Vaping Prevention Training of Trainers- April 12th 1:00-5:00 pm
South Bend Health Department
 2. National Drug Take Back Event April 28th 10:00-2:00. Kelsey called for volunteers and sent a sign-up sheet around the table with one hour blocks. Flyers were sent around for distribution. It is noted that we have a permanent drug take back box outside of the Sheriff's office for safe disposal and incineration of drugs.
12. Gracie Manlow announced a county wide Prevention Newsletter which will go out quarterly starting in June. Also a county wide Prevention Committee will meet May 21st at 10 am at the South County Sandridge Annex (in Long Beach).
13. The Group discussed the possibilities of Outdoor Activities. Maybe 4-H partnership with Toni Gwin? Maybe Aberdeen Adult Recreational League? Members are looking into outdoor activities for the summer.
14. Peter announced Big Brothers Big Sisters received a Pac Mtn Grant which they are going to use to bring job skills training to all three schools. Job skills will be food industry related with Guest Speaker Nancy Nisbet. They are looking for other guest speakers please contact Peter if you know someone that would fit (no one from Work Source please).
15. Meeting ended early at 4:10 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 14th, 2018

3:15 – 4:45 pm

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