

Youth and Family Coalition	
6.8.2020	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. GoToMeeting - Virtual
Meeting called by:	Val Jones
Note taker:	Maria Arreola
Attendees:	Megan Boyle, Ryan O'Donnell, Tiffany Wheeler-Thompson, Marissa Collins, Becky Hurst, Dawn Scott, Chandler Gagne, Desiree Bungay, Lisa Helen, Rachel Zakopyko, Starleen Maharaj-Lewis, Salina Bass, Lisset Reyes, Adair Brown, Barbara Roxas, Brenna Murphy, Christina Campbell, Emereson McCuin, Jordan Rosa, Katherine Wright, Kaylee Lamphiear, Marissa Collins, Mary Jo Durborow, Tonya Bieche, Wendy Bartholome, Kenny Alfred, Alina Denmco

Announcements and Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Jo had members participate in a brief ice breaker. Participants took a moment to describe their experience from last week in three words. This was a creative way to briefly touch base on the recent media events.

Presentation – Youth Homelessness	
60 min	NW Youth Services
ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion (x) For Information Only ()	
Overview: Youth Homelessness Resource	
Discussion Points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachael introduced the presenters from NW Youth services, Adair Brown, Chandler Gagne, Alina Denman Population serves minors (13-17) and young adults (18-24). Services provided are to create a safe environment for youth to be heard and to be known as they matter. Skagit County Homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 100 youth are on a housing waiting list There can be about 5-12 housing applications a month Referrals are from agencies, Skagit County Coordinated Entry and individuals in the community. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project will invest 4.6 million dollars across the state to help youth and young adults in rural counties. Interventions used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversion/Outreach/Coordinated Entry Transitional Housing Rapid Re-Housing Emergency Housing to Rapid Re-Housing 	
Conclusion/Outcomes	

- Presentation to educate community of youth homelessness.

Narrative Team Effectiveness Exercise

30 min

Val Jones

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview: Open communication to share experiences

Discussion Points:

- Membership and attendance requirements and goals were discussed.
- Ongoing goals were reviewed
 - Youth and family to influence at the state level
 - A challenge is engaging youth and family partnerships. Are we asking parents and youth what is important to them to be served by system partners?
 - The chapter in Whatcom county is being looked at for a strong youth and family led. Discussion is taking place with organizations in Whatcom county to help begin the groundwork to build the chapter.
 - The challenge is universal with other chapters. How do we make the coalitions about family and parents? It was suggested to go to them.
 - Provide a platform to help facilitate but provide a platform and have families run the meetings. Once there is a strong family initiated coalition, they can be the strong leadership of other coalitions to follow.
 - A barrier is to provide funding to feed families that attend the coalitions.
 - Meeting times are a barrier for families to engage. It was suggested to move meeting times after 4:00. Food vouchers incentives are working to help engage individuals.
 - A challenge as a provider to participate in the coalition. What is the youth going to take away from the meetings how are they going to connect with other members? How do we make a connection with other peers? Have outdoor activity such as a BBQ style and build relationships in a social environment. Advertisement where youth often are to help spread the word of the coalition. How do we get them there, keep them there and want to come back?
 - The hope is to get them there and keep them there due to this being there meeting. Youth will create agendas as to what they want to talk about. Meeting with youth during the summer outside at a park to help connect.
 - Can we invite families and parents to a portion of the meeting and they can stay for a short while to get a feeling of how meetings are run.
 - What is a role of system partners? We don't want to lose system partners. It is easy to stay partners for the systems that do exist. We could remain connected with the system partners.
 - We may not need system voices at all meetings, only when requested.

Conclusion/Outcomes

- Discuss the future of the coalition through current and future goals

Recent Media Concerns

15min

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview: Participants shared personal thoughts on recent media concerns of racism

Discussion Points:

- Personal stories were shared regarding the media concerns around current events in our country.
- Participants foresee positive change in the voices being heard around the country.
- Discussion around upholding the coalitions to still be safe, open to all and everyone has a voice that matters and is valued.

Conclusion/Outcomes

- Open and free discussion of current media events

Evaluations

15min

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)

Overview: Val sent the committee the link to the evaluations

Discussion Points:

- Evaluations link sent to committee

Conclusion/Outcomes

- Committee will complete the online evaluation

Next meeting is - Monday, June 13, 2020 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm