

White River Families First Coalition Meeting Minutes March 27, 2017

Present: Mayor Pat Johnson, Ann Trullinger, Jan Burley, Marvin Sundstrom, Monica Robbins, Geri Gamblin, Trip Hart, Rusty Wilder, Jennie Nicholls, Hugh Flint, Kathy Norbeck, Sandy Burkett, Marcy Boulet, Leah Haugen, Eddie Habberkorn, Sue Z. Hart, Jenney Kyllonen, Julie Bevaart, Gretchen Hanson, Grace Eichner, Donn Lewis, Nancy Baskett, Harvey Perez, Monica Gaub.

Let's Make a Deal for Families: Jennie Nicolls needs kitchenware, bedding, some furniture for a family. Recommendations were given, including NW Furniture Bank, St. Frances House, and POM

Knowing our Communities

Nancy Baskett, WSU 4-H: Nancy was the coordinator for Pierce County and now in King County since they merged. Very active in Enumclaw. Can do cross-over programs for both counties. Have club programs as well as workshops. Poultry Workshop is on April 8th. 4-H is Kindergarten through 19 year old for club. October through March offers Science Saturdays at the Enumclaw Library and will be at Expo Center, is offered free and open to all. Nat'l 4-H has science project of the year, this year was drones. Art kits and photography kits also available. Day camp with photography emphasis August 7 -11, 9-1, at Expo Center. \$25 for entire week, designed for kids who can't afford the expense of regular camp. Volunteers needed, including teens. Food nutrition and fitness program designed for upper elementary youth – organizations can get the info, kit and food for this program, includes budget class. Currently working with Muckleshoot Tribes doing classes. Health Rocks workshops designed for middle school age youth and is a positive self-esteem program with tobacco, drug and alcohol prevention emphasis. Many science and STEM kits are available. Find more information on King County 4-H website and on Facebook. Call Nancy at 253-224-2884 for more information.

Gretchen Hansen, Foundation for Healthy Generations, shared information about community involvement in health planning and the Community Voice Council. Accountable Communities of Health is recruiting people for the Community Voice Council to help coordinate care – time commitment is about 10 hours/month. Anyone from our area who is interested in doing this work and knows our community strengths and need, should complete an application. Contact Gretchen at 253-732-8755.

Coalition Business: Reminder that Community Champion Award Nominations must be in by Friday, April 14th. Monica did an interview presentation for the Community Coalition's Grant with The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. If funded, this grant will fund youth forums, BYAC strategic planning, and a community summit.

Announcements

Jenney Kyllonen, BYAC – Senior Center Fundraiser May 13th, 8-11 am at Applebee's for Breakfast. Spring flyer distributed. BYAC's annual fundraising benefit, "It's a Spring Fling Kinda Thing" dinner and auction is April 22nd at the Eagles hall at 5pm. Emcee is Keith Eldridge and entertainment by Glacier Middle School Jazz Combo. BYAC has free lunches this Friday and all next week during Spring Break from noon to 1. Free Dental Health Screening hosted at Senior Center Wed. April 19th for 65 and over. Laughter Therapy at Senior Center 1st and 3rd Monday at 12:30. FREE.

Grace Eichner, Safe Streets – Conference for Neighborhood Leaders on April 22nd, free. Offers workshops and resource fair at Bethel Learning Center.

Donn Lewis, Bonney Lake City Council – Sat. April 15th is Easter Egg Hunt, Fun Run and Flashlight Adult Egg Hunt. Park Appreciation Day is also in April.

Nancy Baskett, 4-H – Clarified food program can work with all ages and is flexible. Can sit down and help with summer programming at your location.

Jennie Nicolls, WRSD Social Worker - Truancy Board meets once or twice a month and needs community volunteers. jnicolls@whiteriver.wednet.edu. Buckley Bicycle Co-op, a partnership with BYAC and School District, will be open every weekend starting in mid-April, 9:30 to noon on Saturdays at Wickersham. Need volunteer bike techs. Contact Jennie at Byac.bikes@gmail.com

Rusty Wilder, Pierce County Sheriffs Dept. - Rusty will be attending the Truancy Board meetings.

Harvey Perez, Rainier State School – Currently have 310 clients and 950 employees. April 22nd is the 2nd annual fashion show at 3pm. Public is invited.

Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library – Pierce County Reads month. Read with a Princess happening at library. Shrinky Dink workshop coming up.

Marcy Boulet, TPCHD – Encourages folks to apply for the Community Voice Council. Franklin Pierce Coalition is seeking a Coordinator.

Leah Haugen, WR Family Center – Parenting class starting in Orting in April. Income guidelines for services distributed.

Eddie Habberkorn, BL Lions – Death by Chocolate tickets are available online. \$35 online, \$45 at the door. Saturday, April 8th. Doors open at 5:30. Entertainment, auction, culinary class at BLHS is serving.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Successful with restaurant takeover at Jersey Mike's. Received a donation of construction trailer. June 2nd Calvary Comm. Church is doing a fundraiser for BBtW. On May 10th partnering with Enumclaw Expo for Tiny House Seminar/Fundraiser. Participating in Master Builder's Assn Ramp-a-thon. Enumclaw Expo is doing an open house at the Field House this Saturday – free. Also 155th Anniversary of the King County Fair and selling commemorative pins this year, includes discounted admission to the Fair.

Pat Johnson, City of Buckley Mayor – Working on planning Concerts in the Park starting on Log Show weekend. Just came back from DC to share info about what was important to the city.

Ann Trullinger – Hands Touching Hearts quilting group doing a sew-in at the Youth Center on April 7th. White River Senior Housing had fundraiser at Eagles last week and it was very successful.

Jan Burley, Comm. Presbyterian – Backpacks for 85 kids a week. Free lunches next week at Youth Center during Spring Break. 125th birthday celebration at the church and special activities will follow.

Monica Robins, RFWF – Distributed list of drug drop box location. Also, drug drop boxes locations in Enumclaw and all Police Stations in Pierce County.

Geri Gamblin, Just Serve – Helping non-profits sign up on the web site to post needs so volunteers can connect to service opportunities. Need help with this? Contact Amyfowers@hotmail.com.

Trip Hart, SoHapp – This is the last month with Physical Wellness. GRCC did a great Day of Wellness las weekend. International Day of Happiness was also very successful and it was a great year.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24th at 3:30. Speaker is Gena Kiener of CHI Franciscan Health – speaking on stroke prevention.