

## White River Families First Coalition April 23, 2018 Meeting Notes

**Present:** Stephanie Dann, Kirsten Anderson, Trip Hart, Sue Z. Hart, Amy Molen, Antoinette Graham, Amanda Gomez, Kirby Pollard, Adam Uhler, Kristi Shafer, Thad Huff, Sandy Burkett, Kathy Norbeck, Leslie Goldberg, Tracey Dunn, Kimarie Johnson, Tony Clarke, Julie Bevaart, Jan Burley, Gary Burley, Ann Trullinger, Monica Robbins, John Gee, Jeff Flesner, Todd Hobart, Jennie Nicolls, Marcy Boulet, Monica Gaub

**Let's Make a Deal for Families:** Julie Bevaart reminded everyone that the Buckley Senior Center has wheelchairs and durable medical equipment available for loan at no cost.

**Knowing Our Communities: Whole Child Initiative, Adam Uhler & Stephanie Dann, White River School District.** Focus of Whole Child is on policies, practices and relations to ensure each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. Early learning program is the beginning of this process. Make sure every student has access and there are no barriers with individual support. Teams meet to talk about what is working and what is not and how to adjust. Social Emotion Learning Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade use Second Step, Mental Health Awareness at GMS & WRHS, training for staff and tiered Social Emotional Learning supports.

Stephanie Dann helps students who are struggling with mental health, prevention and awareness. Second Step provides education about emotions, what they mean and how to handle it. Suicide prevention education and how to get support. Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma is with 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 9<sup>th</sup> grade is a critical year and students receive education about mental and emotional issues.

Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) supports all students to prevent social, emotional and behavioral problems that result in impairments in school and life functioning, promoting and optimizing social, emotional and academic performance and enables more intensive services and supports to work. Positive classroom culture creates a predictable, positive, safe and consistent environment. Identify positive behaviors and give verbal encouragement to students instead of correction. Ask the question "what happened to you/them?" vs "what's wrong with you/them?" Two-thirds of kids will experience at least one traumatic event by age 18. Stephanie does training with all staff at the schools. Working on expanding the resiliency window through safety, belonging and significance. 2x10 dedicates 2 minutes a day for 10 days to a student to have a positive interaction with a student to connect person to person.

### **Coalition Business**

Due to our next regular scheduled meeting falling on Memorial Day, it is moved to the first Monday in June which is June 4<sup>th</sup>. The following meeting will remain on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We do not meet in July.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive is taking place now. Foothills Elem, Bonney Lake & Buckley Libraries, Rainier School, Wally's Drive-In, Wilkeson Town Hall and Doxa Crossfit are drop-off locations.

Community Summit is Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the WRHS. Registration cut-off is tomorrow at 9am. 360-829-3957 call to register. #WRPositiveChange

Community Champion Awards – First award was given on Saturday to the Buckley Youth Activity Center. More to come.

### **Announcements/Networking**

Marcy Boulet, TPCHD – Health Dept has a joint grant with Human Services to work on a project for our community. At the summit, we will be collecting information for ideas from the community and then participate in the decision on a project. We received the grant because our health equity in some areas of our community has poorer health outcomes. Buckley Youth Activities non-profit board held the It's a Spring Fling Kinda Thing benefit on Saturday night and it was very successful. Thanks to all who attended, donated and supported this event.

Jennie Nicolls, WRSD Social Worker – Truancy board is looking for community volunteers to meet twice a month. Students meet with parents, court, school and community members for support. The Bicycle Co-Op located at Wickersham campus and is opening again soon on Saturday mornings. Students learn safety, bike mechanics and maintenance. Kids learn for free and we need volunteers.

Trip Hart, LINCKK – Linking Civility, Compassion, and Kindness has done a variety of programs from National Night Out and connecting neighbors to build relationships. SoHapp, Habits for Happiness, started a few years ago, growing mental wellness through gratitude, positivity, kindness, mindfulness and being active. Worked with school staff, senior and youth centers. Working on building the board and project committees and invite to be part of LINCKK.

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Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – New class begins May 5<sup>th</sup> and registration ends at the end of the week. Few more openings. Building a storage shed for the Soup Ladies and actively raising money for this project. Needs four more lunch crews for this build. Participating in Seattle Give Big with matching grants. Puyallup Herald did a story on the last build and moving the ECEAP building to Bonney Lake. Flyers distributed.

Adam Uhler, WRSD – Recommends working with Jennie Nicolls at school on one of those projects.

Kristi Shafer, PTA, WREF & Relay for Life – The number one issue for State PTA is social emotional. WR Education Foundation annual auction is in October that funds special field trips including AVID college tours and Junior Achievement, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to theater, and WRHS Daffodil float. Relay for Life is coming back to Buckley in partnership with Rainier School on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 pm at Rainier School. Color for a Cure is the theme this year. Follow updates on the Buckley Relay for Life FB Page.

Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley – Marydale Brooks passed away April 12<sup>th</sup>. She did much in our community and helped so many organizations.

Jan & Gary Burley, Community Presbyterian Church – Serving 101 kids per week now. Will be at Summit Thursday night as well. Transportation and no grocery store is a hardship.

John Gee, Edward Jones in Buckley Plaza – Is involved with Greater Tacoma Community Foundation provides a system to give funding.

Monica Robbins, RFWF - Drug Free communities grant submitted for next five years. Looking at sustainability for drug prevention programs in community. May 13<sup>th</sup> is National Drug prevention week. Middle school lunch events programs. Amy Tracktee is new Mental Health Coordinator and they are teaming together for events. Enumclaw and Black Diamond Senior Centers have marijuana education. Not One More is heroine awareness program and doing May 16<sup>th</sup> program at 6:30. 50 Business have employees wearing t-shirts saying “I Choose a life without drugs” and doing a social media campaign. NAMI walk on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kirkland will have a plateau team walking and invite others to join. Wine Walk and Beer Walk in Enumclaw partnered with Uber & Lyft to help promote sober drivers.

Ann Trullinger, Buckley Fire Dept. having a Bingo Night Fundraiser on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles to benefit Buckley Firefighters Association to provide scholarships and projects. Silent auction and bake sale, too.

Kimarie Johnson, Wally's Drive-In – Wally's need help to supervise kids after school. Fridays are particularly difficult. Amanda Gomez will talk to Nick Hedman and recruit PTSA member. Doing Soup Ladies fundraiser at the Drive-In. Julie recommended she touch base with Officer Northrom and to talk to YAB group from BYAC about being positive ambassadors. Monica will share with Adam Uhler.

Kirby Pollard, Marion Grange & ACH – Everyone is invited to Marion Grange for a potluck meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Need help fixing up the grange and would like to engage the community in using the building. Partnered with daycare center with a long-term rental. Other agencies and non-profits can use the building. Grange memberships are open. Foothills United Methodist has AA and NA meetings at the church now. ACH partner with Health Dept. to do some surveys in Prairie Ridge and gathering more information in small groups to discuss health care. kirbytp@comcast.net.

Tracey Dunn, CareNet – provides free and confidential services, teaches parenting classes, co-parenting and can earn CareNet dollars to shop at their boutique. Male mentors are also available. Learning to take care of their baby, ACEs surveys and help with support and resources. Flyers distributed.

Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library - Egg drop activity on Wednesday at 4:30. Libraries Rock is theme for summer reading. Sr. Center painted rocks for board of trustees.

Amanda Gomez, Glacier PTSA – Encourage community members to come hang out at lunch and have fun with kids at Glacier Middle School. Hold volunteer orientations and just be a positive presence.

Jeff Flesner & Antoinette Graham, Rainier School - Always hiring direct care professionals. Jeff says thank you for Kristi for leading Relay for Life.

Amy Molen, Smile for a Lifetime – Orthodontic scholarship program. Need kids who couldn't afford braces to apply. Kids do community service in return. [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org) is a website that you can post volunteer opportunities for your organization and for individuals to connect with volunteer projects.

Todd Hobart, Safe Families for Children – Connects families in need with host families. An 18 year old WRHS girl needs a family that she can stay with until end of school year. 12 year old boy from Mt View needs host family immediately for a few weeks. A boy in Enumclaw whose mom has mental health issues needs a place while mom gets services for a couple of weeks. 425-598-2562.

**NEXT MEETING: June 4<sup>th</sup>** (NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY) at 3:30 at Buckley Fire Station.