

## White River Families First Coalition June 4, 2018 Meeting Notes

**Present:** Kathy Norbeck, Cindy Orcutt, Julie Bevaart, Britt Nelson, Rusty Wilder, Amy Trachte, Todd Hobart, Adam Uhler, Nick Cusick, Antoinette Graham, Emily Cavaughn, Marcy Boulet, Trevor Odell, Leah Haugen, Kristi Shafer, Jeff Flesner, Ann Trullinger, Susan Nocella, Jennifer George, Ron Haines, Ellie Ittner, Kirby Pollard, Jan Burley, Gary Burley, Hugh Flint, Victor Rodriguez, Sue Z. Hart, Sarah DuBois, Sheila Smith, Catherine Sims, Monica Gaub

**Let's Make a Deal for Families:** Sue Hart knows a single mom with 3 boys who is seeking housing in Maple Valley. Call Sue at 425-346-2064 if you have a resource. Julie Bevaart has blankets, towels, and pillows available. Cindy O. will take the towels and Britt N. will take the rest.

### **Knowing Our Communities:**

**Healthy Community Project with TPCD, WRSD & Community Partners** Victor Ridriguez, Family Support Partnership Director, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, shared information about a TPCD demonstration project that is being worked on to identify health priorities that build on community assets and connects with the Whole Child Initiative in the White River School District. Our area was identified as having health needs and has been awarded short-term funding of about \$15,000 plus staff support for a project that engages the community in decision making. Adam Uhler of the WRSD reviewed the Whole Child Initiative that started last year and how this program serves in school and now will begin focusing on safe, healthy and engaged kids outside of the school day. During the planning phase, surveys are being distributed to community members and those who work within the boundaries of the district. Volunteers are being sought for the project leadership team that is being formed. Surveys will be available electronically.

**Pierce Conservation District, Nicholas Cusick** – Hosting a conversation on Climate Change in Buckley on **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 pm**, which includes a dinner. This is an opportunity for neighbors, family and friends with differing opinions to work through discussion towards common ground on typically divisive subjects. Focusing on climate change, resiliency and measurable impacts on rural communities. All are welcome! Register, including event location: <http://bit.ly/civilconversationsbuckley>. The PCD was set up after the great dust bowl and works with local landowners and public agencies to conserve natural resources, including soil, water quality, urban gardens, agriculture, wildlife habitat and more. Volunteer opportunities and newsletter on website [PierceCD.org](http://PierceCD.org). Contact: [NicholasC@pierceCD.org](mailto:NicholasC@pierceCD.org)

### **Coalition Business**

Recognized coalition participants who are leaving their organizations – Britt Nelson, Adam Uhler & Hugh Flint. Our next meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> will feature the 2018 White River Communities Champion Award recipients. Please come and hear about the organizations that they serve with and how they are personally making a positive impact in our community. There is no FFC meeting in July.

### **Announcements/Networking**

**Victor Rodriguez, TPCD** – Positive Parenting Programs will be available online probably by August, accessible via a code. Organizations can work with Leah for more information 360-829-5883 to promote within or refer a family.

**Antoinette Graham, Rainier School** – Hiring direct care professional with caregiving experience (including babysitting).

Rainier School newsletter will carry resources and community information if anyone would like to submit info.

Antoinette can be reached at 360-829-3061.

**Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls** – The storage shed for the Soup Ladies is being built and still taking donations for this project. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, a restaurant takeover will take place at Jersey Mikes in Bonney Lake – see flier. Seeking a group to provide lunch for the class on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. BBtW participated in the Rampathon, building a ramp for an Enumclaw resident. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Midsummer Renaissance Faire in Bonney Lake late July through August and proceeds will benefit BBtW. Former BBtW graduate Gerard will be hand-cycling from Anacortes to Maine. Watch FB for updates. Contact Sue at 425-346-2064.

**Ron Haines** – Introduced himself – Ron serves on WRSD Advisory Board, Exodus Housing Board, CTE in WRSD, BBtW board and other community involvement.

**Sarah DuBois, Safe Streets** – Back from maternity leave. SS is taking registration online for National Night Out on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Can sign up as a community group, block group or larger event. Info online at [www.safest.org](http://www.safest.org)

Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley – The Buckley Youth Center will be hosting summer fun days on Thursdays at 1 pm through the summer. Free summer lunches will be provided in partnership with the WRSD Food Services Monday through Friday from noon to 1 for all children up to age 18. The Mobile DSHS unit will be across from the Buckley Hall this Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Music in the Park & Country Market will be July 5 – August 9 this year. Food and craft vendors will be onsite and vendor applications are available online. July 23 to 24 is Log Show weekend. The City of Buckley Activities Coordinator position has been posted and applications are available on the City’s website.

Rusty Wilder, Pierce County Sheriff – Reminded everyone to be aware of safety issues during prom season and to be safe in the water this season. Life jackets are available at no cost at kiosks at Lake Tapps.

Jeff Fesner, Rainier School – Glad to be partnering with Relay 4 Life this year and invited everyone.

Sheila Smith, Donald Loomis Clothing Bank – Moving to Wickersham Campus this month – watch Facebook for updates, move date and volunteer opportunities. Some free fixtures are available. There were 670 customers this past year at the clothing bank. Clients are asked to call AFTER August 10<sup>th</sup> to make back to school appointments 360-829-6605.

Kristi Shafer, Relay for Life – Relay for Life will be held this Friday at Rainier School from 5 – 10 pm. Registration online or day of event onsite. EVERYONE is invited and you do not have to raise money this year. There will be a DJ, music, food, luminaria lap, honoring of cancer survivors and more.

Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library – The summer reading theme is “Libraries Rock”. There is an adult reading program and a teen escape room along with the regular kid’s programs which start June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Britt Nelson, Plateau Outreach Ministries – POM is accepting garden produce donations on Tuesdays only this year to be distributed on Wednesdays to clients. Backpack program food is available if you are running a program. Doing a pajama drive for the Christmas in July program and PJs can be dropped off throughout the month. Victor Wong is the new Executive Director for POM.

Susan Ochella, Lutheran Community Services – Serving 18 years and older with disabilities and seniors. Music Mends Minds program fundraiser and farewell to Linda McCone will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 7 pm at St. Mark’s Church in Tacoma. This fundraiser is a partnership with Puyallup Rotary and local musicians. Contact Deb Dennison at 253-722-5682 for more info or check out the Facebook page LCSNW South Puget Sound.

Todd Hobart, Safe Families for Children – Connects families in need with host families. 12 year old boy from Mt View needs host family immediately for a few weeks. 425-598-2562.

Marcy Boulet, TPCD & Buckley Youth Center – Thanks to all who helped raise over \$20,000 for BYAC at the fundraiser.

Jan & Gary Burley, Community Presbyterian Church – Thanks Britt and POM for their support of backpack program which will be moving to Wickersham campus this summer. Church is involved in World Relief and refugee program and collecting supplies for welcome kits.

Ellie Ittner, Comm. Presbyterian – Enjoying helping refugees learn English. 40 people are involved in a 400 mile bike ride that begins in Kent benefitting the refugee program this summer. The church is providing a dinner and support.

Kathryn Sims, Glacier PTSA – The new PTSA president is Kimberly Caldwell. Boy Scouts Troop 577 has about 50 scouts and hosting a Log Show Breakfast on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 am to parade time at Buckley Hall for \$5. Participated in flag planting at Buckley Cemetery. Eagle Scouts are looking for projects

Leah Haugen, White River Family Support Center - Back to School event will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Basic food and energy assistance is always available at the Center.

Kirby Pollard, Foothills United Methodist, Marion Grange & ACH – Foothills United Methodist now has a full-time pastor, Denise Roberts. ACH partner with Health Dept. to do some surveys to gather information in small groups to discuss health care, access and needs. Let Kirby know if you have a small group that would like to participate. The grange is available for community meetings and events. Potluck meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at noon. Contact [kirbytp@comcast.net](mailto:kirbytp@comcast.net) or 253-347-2817.

Monica Gaub, Facilitator – [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org) is a website that you can post volunteer opportunities for your organization and for individuals can connect with volunteer projects this summer and throughout the year.

-Post and look for volunteer opportunities on Facebook Group “Volunteer Bonney Lake, Buckley & Sumner”.

-The Buckley Bicycle Co-Op is in need of volunteers with bike skills on rotating Saturday mornings from 9:30 to noon this summer (contact [byac.bikes@gmail.com](mailto:byac.bikes@gmail.com)).

-For community events and activities, follow the Facebook group “Happenings, Information & Help on the Plateau.”

-Prairie Ridge will have summer programming and free lunches for kids. Mary Beth Holmes is Coalition Coordinator.

**NEXT MEETING: June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 at Buckley Fire Station honoring 2018 Community Champions. No meeting in July.