

White River Families First Coalition January 22, 2018 Meeting Highlights

Present: Jennie Nicolls, Scott Harrison, Jan Burley, Gary Burley, Kristy Shafer, Sandra Smith, Kirby Pollard, Kelle Pollard, Liszet Chavez-Avila, Sue Z. Hart, Leslie Goldberg, Sara DuBois, Rusty Wilder, Angie Riggsby, Hugh Flint, Adam Uhler, Julie Bevaart, Megan Dominguez, Ann Trullinger, Antoinette Graham, Jeff Flegner, Marcy Boulet, Kristi Shafer, Bob Howie, Shandi Dailey, Monica Gaub.

Let's Make a Deal for Families: Jennie Nicolls is working with a family who needs a twin size mattress. Sue Hart has a \$250 gift card for Molen Orthodontics for anyone who needs orthodontic care. Sue distributed a needs list for Building Beyond the Walls - needs LED lights, office and training space. Monica has packing peanuts available. Megan from The Haven needs donations of basketballs.

Knowing Our Communities:

Kirby Pollard, Community Voice Council, Pierce County Accountable Communities of Health. Committee has all sectors represented and working to create a system for existing healthcare systems in Pierce County to work together and share information. Bringing primary care under one hat. 27% of people in Pierce County receive Medicaid so this affects a lot of people. Changing prescribing guidelines and opioid incident reporting. Ohio has successfully implemented ACH and it is working on it in New York. Using a grant of 104 million to fix this. Bi-directional integration with physical and mental health, coordinated communication, chronic disease management of prevention and opioid crisis. Transportation to medical appointments is a problem in our area. Trying to enhance programs and bring about positive change without duplication. Funding approved to start implementing changes to help make the system work. Kirby would like to hear from our community about medical care and access barriers. Still actively recruiting volunteer members for the Community Voice Council and we could use more representation in East Pierce County. Stipend for mileage is provided. KirbyTP@comcast.net

School Levy Update: Scott Harrison, Human Resources ED – Replacement Levy funds early learning, transportation costs, child nutrition, counselors, special education, whole child initiatives and supports for students that are not provided by the state. Also supports drama, music, sports. Replacement Levy will lower property taxes. Also a capital projects levy due to a previous tech levy, lowering class sizes and replacing the high school roof. Informational brochure available. Making thoughtful decisions about the learning spaces for our kids. 25% enrollment drop during the recession but now in an upward trend, up 250 students in the last two years. Just under 4,000 now with a projection estimate of 4,600 enrolled in the next 10 years. Foothills Elem. PTA supported and endorsed the levy.

Coalition Business

Facebook Ratings: Incentives for doing a rating for our FB page will continue to February meeting.

Update on Youth Forums & Strategic Planning: Youth Forums were completed at the WRHS, GMS and BYAC in late November and in December. 25 Volunteers participated as facilitators and scribes. Monica is working on deciphering the data. Strategic Planning at BYAC will take place next Monday.

Community Summit: Adam Uhler distributed save the date cards for the Thursday, April 26th event at WRHS beginning at 5 pm. Committee is creating a shared vision of moving forward. Gathering organizations to initiate positive change in our community, empowering youth and inspiring each other to affect change for positive outcomes. Thad Huff is MC, Tony Clarke from BLHS will be keynote speaker, service project for Mother 2 Many, resource tables and dinner. Save the date!

Announcements/Networking

Angie Riggsby, Buckley Fire – Always looking for volunteers for the fire department, including the EMS program.

Big push is at Christmas. Angie is teaching a self-reliance class on the first Tuesdays. arigsby@comcast.net.

Rusty Wilder, Sheriff – Increased deputies by one in January so now have 16. Hope to be up to 17 deputies soon.

Adam Uhler – Building Resiliency with Teens workshop is January 31st from 3 – 6 pm. Will send out the flyer.

Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation hosting Jason DeShaw March 1st in Enumclaw (mental health).

Sarah DuBois – Safe Streets. January 26th is the annual point in time count and volunteers are needed across the county. Pierce County Opioid Task Force community summit is on Feb. 2nd at UWT, need to RSVP. Sarah helps provide resources to community members, access to training and crime prevention through environmental design. sdubous@safest.org.

Jan Burley – Community Presbyterian - Weekend food program serves 97 currently. Winter Shelter program goes through the first of March. Comm. Pres. Is the only church in Buckley working with POM for shelter program.

Kristy Shafer – Relay for Life won't happen anymore in Buckley because the American Cancer Society and Enumclaw partnership was changed to South King County and paired with Kent. Trying to partner with Sumner/Bonney Lake Relay. ACS had staff cuts and changed the relay model. WR Education Foundation is working on funding the bullying prevention program in the schools.

Leslie Goldberg – Trilogy Tehaleh Service Committee – Had successful drives for the holiday season and gave to other service organizations. Looking for new projects to connect with. Email markezi@icloud.com

Marcy Boulet – TPCHD – New website has interactive options and norovirus information. www.TPCHD.org. Triple P Parenting considering having online interaction possibilities. Give feedback to Marcy.

Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley – Youth & Senior Center Director. Senior Center needs volunteer van drivers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays during the daytime. Meal site volunteers to help serve and setup and Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with Catholic Community Services. Need food handler's card which is reimbursable. Need receptionists to greet and do database work. Increased attendance at the youth center. River Avenue will be torn up for water and sewer work this summer, which will affect summer series.

Megan Dominguez – The Haven in Orting – Non-profit center for youth and community events. Doing wine glass painting fundraiser on Feb. 2nd at 6:30. Participating in Orting Chocolate Stroll on February 10th. Offering tutoring. Looking for volunteers to interact with youth and help with programs. Need donation of basketballs. Will be doing another spring cleanup of the building.

Antoinette Graham – Rainier School – They are now hiring direct care professionals with some form of higher education. Apply online.

Jeff Flegner, Supt. at Rainier School – Good quality staff needed to serve about 300 clients.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Provided list of things that are needed by the non-profit. Also need lunch crews for the 3 dates in March. Organizations provide lunches to students and share their information, connecting students to opportunities to give back. Current project making a preschool storage shed for ECEAP at Liberty Ridge in Bonney Lake. New class started last Saturday with 16 students, 12 of whom are women.

Shandi Dailey, Community Outreach for Coordinated Care – On volunteer committee and seeking ways to help.

Sandra Smith, Keller Williams – Working on doing a holiday lane in downtown Buckley in 2018. Collecting Christmas lights for this project. Volunteer opportunities for design and construction as well.

Kirby Pollard – Marion Grange and steward for Pierce County Grange. Restoring a very old building and seeking membership and participation. Marion Grange is a 100 year old building with a kitchen, new electrical and lights. Revitalizing the hall, which is available to rent, with seating for 100. Potluck meeting the second Saturdays at noon at the Grange. Non-profits can utilize for free to maintain the grange's non-profit status. Search for Marion Grange on FB. Talk to Kirby about using as a non-profit. KirbyTP@comcast.net

Next meeting is February 26th at 3:30 pm. Topic is the Early Learning Program in White River School District and community programs.