



## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

**Attendance:** Chris Gray, Kerry Boone, JeNell Buchanan, Michael Hanford, Chris Hendrickson, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers, Paola Saldana, Kayleigh Shaw, Andy Song

**Guests:** Andrea Saldana, SeaMar Behavioral Health

**Staff:** Joe Neigel

**Sectors of Support represented at this meeting:** 9 (green = represented, white = not represented; **8 required**)

Youth	Parent	Law Enforcement
Civic/Volunteer Group	Business	Healthcare Professional
Media	School	Youth Serving Organization
Other Substance Abuse Org	Religious/Fraternal Organization	Local Government
Chemical Dependency Treatment	Mental Health	

- **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1PM by Chair, Tom MacIntyre.

- **In-Depth Introductions: Emerging Issues, Agency Changes, News**

After being busy with the strategic plan throughout the Spring, Pastor Michael Hanford facilitated an in-depth welcome and introductions session to allow Coalition members to reconnect with one another and to learn about changes and challenges facing our partners.

- Boys & Girls club reported their summer programs are in “full force,” and they continue to engage youth their Smart Moves (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) program, which addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity.
- Monroe School District indicated they had hired a full-time Mental Health Professional to work across the district during the school year.
- SeaMar reported some youth in- and outpatient program restructuring had occurred this spring, but indicated Marijuana use remains the number one reason kids are admitted to their substance use programs. The agency is also looking to form support groups within the community and is looking for ideas about the issues youth most impacting youth.
- Housing Hope promoted their Night at Adam’s Bistro fundraiser. They also shared about some of the programs they offer to clients and how they focus on providing services that address the root causes of poverty.
- Cocoon House reported their “Take a Closer Look” campaign is coming to Monroe. The advocacy campaign will deploy life-like mannequins around the community to challenge residents to take a closer look at street kids. The agency also reported having issues keeping kids sheltered after they turned 18, expressing particular concern for youth who were pregnant or parenting. This began an exciting discussion between Cocoon House and Housing Hope that may lead to a deeper collaboration! Cocoon House is also looking to collaborate on a LGBTQ safety /support group.

- **CPWI Business**

- The Coalition reported hiring Joe Neigel from Snohomish County as the new/continuing Coalition Coordinator. Celebration ensued.

- The School District has not yet received a Contract from the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery for CPWI services, but expects one soon. The Contract will be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup> and was delayed because of the late State Budget signing.
- Phase 1 programs are on track for implementation:

Action Plan Summary, 7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016		
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Monroe Community Coalition	PAX Good Behavior Game	SPORT
Talk. They Hear You.	Parenting Wisely	Guiding Good Choices
Policy Advocacy	Peer Assistance and Leadership	
Life Skills Training		

- **Action Item: National Night Out**

Kerry Boone made a motion to participate in National Night Out, including paying for booth space. Pastor Michael Hanford seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- **Coalition Fine Tuning: Plus / Delta**

The Coalition engaged in reflection and conversation to discuss what is working and what could be changed.

- Coalition members felt that meetings were productive and that the coalition continues to make progress toward its goals
- Provider Spotlight will continue, with the following agencies suggested as potential spotlights: Volunteers of America, Mathew House, Take the Next Step, Star Club at Frank Wagner Elementary, Housing Hope, Cocoon House, Monroe Police Department, Alderleaf Wilderness College, Sno-Isle Library, SeaMar Behavioral Health Specialist.
- Coalition members felt strongly that the July, 2015 meeting's format worked very well, and would like to have at least quarterly meetings where the focus was on learning about partner agency programs, challenges and changes.
- Coalition members talked about getting a better handle on understanding their roles and helping others to find their niche.
- Coalition Members discussed defining the roles of each subcommittee. Subcommittee assignments follow:

Leadership Team	Media/Communications	Training	Community Relations
Tom MacIntyre	Cherie Matyas	Mary Myers	Michael Hanford
Michael Hanford	Paola Saldana	Kayleigh Shaw	
Kerrie Boone	Chris Gray	JeNell Buchanan	
Cherie Matyas	Kayleigh Shaw		
Mary Myers			

- **Adjourn**

The Coalition meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.