



## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

**Attendance:** Tammy Amador, Kathryn Bernhardt, Kerry Boone, JeNell Buchanan, Terry Cheshire, Jennifer Garcia, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Chris Hendrickson, Morgan Huber, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Amber Mehta, Mary Myers, Paola Saldana, Kayleigh Shaw, Andy Song, Eric Swenson

**Guests:** Timothy Jackson, Housing Hope; Jennifer Foster, MHS Intern; Erin Wood, MSD Behavioral Health Specialist; Jim Bloss, NAMI; Annie Thoen, Snohomish County Alcohol & Other Drugs, Wendi Thomas, ESD #189

**Staff:** Joe Neigel

**Sectors of Support represented at this meeting:** 10 (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.

- Coalition Assessment Tool**

Coalition members completed the Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT), an annual assessment designed to gain insight on our members' views of the structure, capacity and operations of the Coalition. From the CAT our Coalition can determine current competences and identify areas in need more of attention. Summary results follow:

### Coalition Assessment Tool Report

By Calendar Year - Our coalition compared to statewide results

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2015: Summary of scale results based on 18 surveys from our coalition and 240 surveys from 28 coalitions statewide during the same year.

scale	our coalition	state low	state high	
A. Vision, mission and goals:	4.45	3.17	4.67	
B. Coalition structure and membership:	3.79	2.63	4.57	
C. Coalition leadership – Our coalition coordinator/director....	4.58	3.14	4.86	
D. Outreach and communication:	4.21	2.79	4.81	
E. Coalition meetings and communications:	4.38	3.68	4.81	
F. Opportunities for member growth and responsibility:	3.90	3.27	4.65	
G. Effectiveness in planning and implementation:	4.39	3.22	4.74	
H. Relationship with local government and other community leaders:	4.64	3.14	4.89	
I. Partnerships with other organizations:	4.54	3.50	4.80	
J. Coalition members' sense of ownership and participation	4.37	2.89	4.75	
K. Ability to collect, analyze, and use data	4.68	3.35	4.83	
L. Understanding of and commitment to environmental change strategies:	4.53	3.06	4.77	
M. Cultural competence:	3.84	2.81	4.77	
N. Funding and sustainability:	4.33	3.26	4.59	

note: There are no thresholds for an acceptable score on this report. The low and high scores represent the highest and lowest score reported by a PRI coalition in the indicated year and are presented to show the relative position of your coalition compared to other coalitions, not where you need to be.

- **Coalition Business**

- **PAX Good Behavior Game**

- Kerry Boone indicated Chain Lake Elementary is ready for a staff training on the Good Behavior Game. Kerry will coordinate a date for the training on behalf of the Coalition.

- **Paper Tigers Screening/Adverse Childhood Experiences**

- Amber Mehta and JeNell Buchanan described their experience watching the Adverse Childhood Experiences film called *Paper Tigers* at a screening hosted by the Snohomish Health District in Everett. *Paper Tigers* is an intimate look into the lives of students at Lincoln High School, an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth in Walla Walla, WA.



**Coalition Action**

The Coalition voted to organize a screening of Paper Tigers for our community. Amber Mehta, JeNell Buchanan, Mary Myers, Paola Saldana and Kayleigh Shaw volunteered to be on the planning committee.

- **Youth Coalition Report**

- The Youth Coalition continues to meet and has maintained a size of 20+ members. The Coalition is purchasing supplies to advance their You Are Not Alone campaign and is planning activities and strategies that enhance connectedness to helping peers and adults to reduce the risk factor *Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior*.

- **Community Checkbox Grant Award**

- The Online Documentation and Support System, a collective impact measurement tool that will help the Coalition to better tell its' story, has been renamed Community Checkbox by the University of Kansas. The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery is working on a Coalition contract amendment before the Coalition can move forward with the tool. Once the upline DBHR contract is in place, the Coalition will subcontract for a subscription to the Community Checkbox, 10 hours of technical assistance and training.

- **Board of Health Draft Vaping Ordinance**

- The Snohomish County Board of Health released a draft vaping ordinance after conducting summer listening sessions that would apply Smoking in Public Places regulations to vaping sales and use across Snohomish County. A revised ordinance summary is available online by clicking [here](#).

The Coalition identified Vaping policy education and advocacy in its 2015 Strategic Plan Update, and provided testimony to the Board of Health in August. Once the Board of Health Ordinance has been adopted, the Coalition will identify gaps it would like to address with local policy makers.

- **Coalition Work Session**

Coalition members reviewed the **Annual Community Survey** and broke into two groups to discuss and propose the addition of custom survey questions. Group 1 discussed adding Vaping knowledge and policy opinion questions while Group 2 discussed adding Mental Health awareness and preparedness questions.

- **Member Updates**

- Jim Bloss discussed mobilizing the faith community to engage in mental health outreach. He indicated his organization, the Snohomish County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, was looking for local partners among Monroe's faith community.

- Coalition members Chris Gray and Timothy Jackson from Housing Hope announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Monroe Family Village set for Friday, October 30.

**November follow-up:** Coalition member Chris Hendrickson wrote a great story on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Monroe Monitor. You can read it by clicking [here](#). Coalition Chair, Tom MacIntyre and Coalition member Chris Gray, can be seen attending the ceremony in the photo below!



- Coalition member Amber Mehta discussed *A Walk In Their Shoes*, a fundraising initiative of the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter.

The shelter on West Main Street is open from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on nights when the temperature drops below 32 degrees. The shelter operates for five months, between Nov. 15 and March 15.

You can learn more about the shelter and the *Walking In Their Shoes* event from Chris Hendrickson's story in the Monroe Monitor by clicking [here](#).

- **Adjourn**

The Coalition meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Monroe Community Coalition Standing Subcommittees	
<b>Leadership Team</b>	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
<b>Media/Communications</b>	Cherie Matyas, Paola Saldana, Chris Gray, Kayleigh Shaw
<b>Training</b>	Mary Myers, Kayleigh Shaw, JeNell Buchanan
<b>Community Relations</b>	Michael Hanford
<b>Coalition Buddies</b>	Kathryn Bernhardt, Morgan Huber
<b>Vape Policy/Advocacy</b>	Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford