



MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Attendance: Kerry Boone, Juliet D’Alessandro, Cheryl Gertsch, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Timothy Jackson, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Jennifer Reid, Eric Swenson

Guests: Sarah Johnson, Edmonds Community College; Laron Olson, Take the Next Step; Inga Paige, Take the Next Step; Emilia Smith, Girl Scouts; Ka’ohe Wong, YMCA

Staff: Joe Neigel

Sectors of Support represented at this meeting: 7 (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**

July meeting of the Monroe Community Coalition was called to order at 1PM by Tom MacIntyre. The July meeting focused on coalition business and a plus/delta discussion (i.e., what’s working, what isn’t).

- **Community Spotlight: Girl Scouts of Western Washington**

Emelia Smith presented on Girl Scouts, demonstrating how her clubs align with the protective factor Prosocial Bonding. Ms. Smith asked if the Coalition could assist in local recruitment. She explained that low income, homeless and foster students earn an automatic scholarship so that no student is turned away due to financial barriers. Ms. Smith also shared her agency’s multi-language brochures and other materials, and indicated that the club is conducting outreach to Frank Wagner Elementary.

- **Old Business**

- **State Budget:** The legislature passed the State Budget and the Coalition received its 2017-2019 contract on July 6th.
- **Coalition Programs/Initiatives:** All coalition programs are inactive during the summer, except the “Talk. They Hear You” and “You are Not Alone” media campaign at the Galaxy 12 Theater. Coalition members will also staff the National Night Out booth at Lake Tye Park on August 1st.
- **Student Support Advocates:** The Coalition Coordinator wrote a successful grant for two school-based social workers known as Student Support Advocates (SSA). SSAs will be placed at MHS, LILHS and HRMS this fall.

- **Coalition Plus/Delta Discussion**

The Coalition learned the results of the Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT) and identified areas of importance to address during the 2017/2018 school year.

- **Diversity in Membership:** Coalition members expressed a strong desire to have our coalition membership reflect the cultural diversity of our community. Members expressed a desire to do more targeted recruitment, and began a conversation about how we make people feel comfortable once they’re at the table. That said, multiple coalition members acknowledged progress made over the years, including establishing a partnership with Parent HUB.

- **Using Coalition Members Appropriately:** The CAT indicated the Coalition wants to do more to match member's strengths with opportunities to serve. This conversation grew to include discussion of potential prevention partnership opportunities with the Snohomish Health District; the need to create mutual coordination agreements between coalition member agencies; and to resume subcommittee work as part of our standard monthly meetings.

- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Monroe Community Coalition Standing Subcommittees	
Leadership Team	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
Media/Communications	Cherie Matyas, Chris Gray,
Training	Mary Myers, JeNell Buchanan
Community Relations	Michael Hanford
Coalition Buddies	Open
Policy/Advocacy	Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford
Youth Coalition	John Lee, Patrick Miles, Kyleigh Council, Ana Leon, Soccoro Garcia