

# Youth Services Task Force

*Meeting Notes, 9/27/19*

1) Updates and Introductions

2) Youth Services

- a. Youth Summit – no updates yet but once the new Principal gets settled this will start to move again.
- b. Other – The intern program is getting underway at the Habitat Store. Interior design is being added as well.
- c. Other – BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) – a restaurant and/or to go location could be developed with workforce training for the local restaurant industry. Youth would benefit from training, in addition to adults. It could be near the schools. It could be a high school program working towards a culinary arts degree from the high school.

3) Youth Human Services

- a. Drop-In Center/Rotary Joe Rantz Fund Update – Sequim Sunrise Rotary’s Building Committee walked through the Admin. Building this week. A plumber and an electrician are needed. The fund for this project continues to grow. Rotary has the funding, has organizational support and is assembling the resources needed to make building improvements. OlyCAP would be the partner operating the center. This center would focus on high school students. There is still a lot of work to do to formalize a partnership. OlyCAP would be the partner working out a lease with the City of Sequim. A focus group of high school students reviewing the facility will be one of the next steps. There would be wrap around services and resources provided. Having a security and substance use plan and policies would be critical for the success of the facility. Having onsite personnel will also be important.
- b. Serenity House Youth Van Update – no update
- c. YMCA follow up on behavioral health services within Sequim School District – this was completed at the last meeting.
- d. City of Sequim Human Services Contracts – see below.
- e. McKinney Vento update – no update due to VERY limited staffing this year for the program
- f. Clallam Transit 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Free Transportation Program – no update
- g. Other – There was a request for considering a homeless shelter or shelters for all ages in Sequim. An area behind the Boys & Girls Club was a spot mentioned for consideration. There was discussion of tiny homes. City staff discussed the Sequim Health and Housing

Collaborative's upcoming evaluation of sheltering and encouraged those interested to get in contact with the Collaborative, as they will be evaluating sheltering needs through data collection and analysis as a part of their work.

- h. Other – Mike Flynn discussed the Host Homes Program for teens, which continues to encounter barriers in trying to get established.
  - i. Other – We need to add more Middle School and High School students to this task force.
- 4) Future Agenda Items
- a. Add the BHAG to the next agenda