

Youth Services Task Force

Meeting Notes, 12/19/19

1) Updates and Introductions

2) Youth Services

- a. Youth Summit – We are still waiting to hear back from the Middle School Principal. We are aiming for a meeting early next year.
- b. BHAG – Colleen is working on a meeting with Sequim Family Advocates that should happen after the first of the year. The goal is to funnel fundraising through them. Colleen met with Brown Maloney about the space at Emerald. The goal is to train youth in the community in culinary arts, in partnership with the school district. Brown has another location in mind as well. The goal would be to feed the new resorts that are opening in the region. The location is first, fundraising is second, the School District partnership is third. Colleen is making a site visit to Bellingham and another location. Individual homemade meals that could be taken home are an initial goal. Working up to a full restaurant would be the evolution from there. Mike Flynn is interesting in the site visits as well. Colleen is aiming to take youth along also. Finding the right teacher will also be critical. Menards Educated Foods is the working title. There could be a synergy with Meals on Wheels. Charisse mentioned some of the Meals on Wheels needs expressed by OlyCAP. The North Olympic Development Council is another potential partner, with workforce training. Peninsula College does not have a true culinary arts program at this time. Dave from SFA, speaking as a Board member not representing the organization's position, said it is a good concept. There won't be resources for SFA to run it as their project. The fundraising piece is a good fit.
- c. North Olympic Library System (NOLS) – The teen tech lounge at the library is meeting once per month. There is VR (virtual reality) equipment on loan there. It will be there through the end of March. It has been very popular. There are hands-on activities and computer related activities. It is a once a month program at the moment, drop-in would be ideal.
- d. Interact Club – The Sequim high school club has 41 kids. They did a walk for water to raise money for water security in 3rd world countries. In April they will do the cycling event again. They are doing mental health awareness later this spring. They will do a purple out with t-shirts throughout the high school.
- e. Other

3) Youth Human Services

- a. Drop-In Center/Rotary Joe Rantz Fund Update – This is still moving, but slowly. The Rotary Board is interested in having a group of people do a walk through the facility. Mike Flynn offered to assist with an experiential qualitative research approach to this

activity. DSHS has a potential interest in having a presence in the building.

- b. Serenity House Youth Van Update – no update
- c. City of Sequim Human Services Contracts – The Sequim health and Human Services Collaborative formed with 8 human services agencies serving Sequim’s needs together.
- d. McKinney Vento update – David Lyke has left the position, so it is vacant.
- e. Host Homes – no update
- f. Clallam Transit 7th Graders Free Transportation Program – Candace Pratt provided an update on this program. Sequim has not chosen to participate in the past several years.

Further update from Kevin via email:

The Clallam Transit 7th grade education program update is as follows:

*Crescent School Completed 12/3 = **30** passes were given out*

*Clallam Bay School Completed 12/13 = **24** passes were given out*

*Stevens Middle School Completed 12/18 and 12/19 = ~**300** students were instructed and don't have exact pass amount at this time but should be close to that amount.*

As the Sequim School District is not interested, Jim Fetzer, Operations Manager, is currently working with Kurt at the YMCA to provide education through his program.

- g. School Resource Officer (SRO) – Officer Leiter discussed an uptick in drugs, alcohol, and mental health. However, it is still a small number overall. The Middle School is using some of the grant for Sarah Thorsen at the High School. There has been some additional help for Middle School kids. The High School put in for grants for mental health, drugs, and alcohol counseling. The latter two are probably not happening. The former may stay happen. The lack of counseling in these areas creates a significant gap. Some private counselors are coming to campus through the High School grant as well. They are helping some of the more troubled kids who need help at the school.
- h. Other

4) Future Agenda Items