

Youth Services Task Force

Meeting Notes, 1/31/20

Burkett Community Room, Sequim Civic Center

1) Updates and Introductions

2) Youth Services

- a. Youth Summit – Mike Flynn met January 9 with Mr. Harris and the student lead on the Middle School Youth Summit. The Summit results included intergenerational events. The Sunshine Festival is a similar event to other intergenerational events we have in the community. Middle School youth will evaluate the Sunshine Festival from a youth perspective this year.
- b. Other
 - i. NOLS is continuing with their virtual reality program. They have the equipment from the State through March. They are doing the teen tech program once per month (Teen Tech Lounge). They are working on an artist training card program where kids can trade cards between libraries around the country.
 - ii. The Interact Club at the High School is working on mental health awareness. Their goal is for every student at the high school to have a t-shirt that will have something about mental health awareness. It will be a week-long event. There will be statistics and actions given during morning announcements. They are also considering glow bracelets that correlate to statistics about mental health. Peninsula Behavioral Health is a partner in this effort.
 - iii. Habitat and Peninsula College are doing a build class during the summer again. May 19th there will be a CTE Fair at the High School. Habitat will be there promoting this opportunity. They are looking for students to sign up for the build class. Students will receive equipment. Last year 8 students started and finished the program. One student will return to be an intern with Habitat this summer. Peninsula College is an excited partner in this program. Participants need to be 18 or older. This is an actual college course.
 - iv. There are some plans to possibly make some facility changes to some buildings on the High School campus.

3) Youth Human Services

- a. Drop-In Center/Rotary Joe Rantz Fund Update – There have been some budgetary issues trying to contract between Joe Rantz and OlyCAP. High labor costs are making it difficult to fund this idea beyond capital improvements. Other partners are being considered to help make it financially viable.

- b. Serenity House Youth Van Update – no update
- c. Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative (SHHC) – The SHHC continues to put together its governance system, financial systems, and service delivery systems. There has been some turnover of key people representing agencies in the SHHC. Four part-time navigators are now serving Sequim, including one with the Police Department, are helping to connect people to social services. OlyCAP is providing coordination for the navigators.
- d. McKinney Vento update – The High School hired Hanna McAndie this role 8 hours per month.
- e. BHAG – Colleen is researching places to visit. Vancouver, WA has an ACF certified CTE culinary program. There is also a good program in Seattle. A field visit is being planned. Seattle is the focus for the initial field visit. This is moving along. A site search is still underway for something in the Downtown Area closer to the high school.
- f. School Resource Officer – no update
- g. Other
 - i. The OlyCAP Warming Center will be open for the next 3 nights starting tomorrow.

4) Future Agenda Items