



January 5, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

Joe Fuller	WC Health Department
Geof Morgan	Whatcom Family & Community Network
Colleen Haggerty	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
David Wright	Traffic Safety Team
Lyndie Case	Campus Community Coalition
Kaitlin Davis	Dispute Resolution Center
Dennis D'Amelio	Communities In Schools
Linda DuBois	Shuksan MS P/I Specialist
Judy Ziels	Whatcom County Health Department
Amy Hockenberry	WPC Coordinator
Terry Saunders	Ferndale Middle Schools
Maurene Stanton	ESD
Jeff McKenna	Sehome H.S. P/I Specialist
Janae Hodge	Shuksan Middle School
Liz D'Amelio	Bellingham H.S. Student
Tara Kerans	Ferndale H.S. P/I Specialist

**I. Introductions and Purpose of Today's Meeting**

Introductions – In December, Dennis D'Amelio agreed to be the Coalition Co-chair.

- **Past Year Successes** – the Coalition members were asked to look back on the past year and state something they felt was a success for the Coalition. Responses included:
  - Building healthy alternatives
  - Coalition work has accelerated our partnerships
  - Youth leadership is expanding
  - Prevention Summit & engaging 19 youth in prevention work
  - Coalition meetings are fun
  - Good having a group that supports the individual work of the members
  - The natural connections made among members within personal work
  - Connections with more community partners beyond the initial group
  - Youth engagement, support, and networking
  - Able to utilize the Coalition to refer to as we do our own personal work
  - Coalition has solidified

**II. Department of Behavioral Health Redesign**

- **Primary Care Integration Demonstration Project** - Joe reported on the primary care application that was submitted in December. The response date is January 6<sup>th</sup>, and Joe will let us know the outcome. If accepted, the start date is February 1<sup>st</sup> and the pilot project will last for 6 months. There is the possibility of future funding for similar projects regarding partnerships with the medical community through the healthcare reform. Joe and Judy shared an interesting

article from the American Academy of Pediatrics linking the importance of screening for adverse childhood experiences in early childhood and what this means for the medical community. Here is the link to the article: <http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/pediatrics;129/1/e224>

### III. Significant Topics

- **Gang Prevention Funding** – Joe reported that there has been additional funding set aside through the 1/10<sup>th</sup> percent sales tax for gang prevention. There will be future discussions on what might be some thoughtful planning for the next year regarding these potential funds.
- **Campus Collaborative joining WPC** – Lyndie reported that she had noticed some duplication of conversation topics at the Coalition, Campus Collaborative and Student Connection meetings. Last week Geof, Lyndie and Amy met to discuss potentially combining these meetings every other month. This will broaden our Coalition to include all local college campuses plus allow middle, high school, and college student groups to present their prevention efforts to the joint group. The Coalition members supported this idea.
- **Prevention Policy Day: February, 20<sup>th</sup>** – Amy reminded the coalition that she is organizing a group to attend and bring youth to Olympia to speak with our legislators. Amy will prepare parent/student informational fliers and permission slips. Kaitlin has agreed to help Amy with researching current bills and prevention topics that are of interest. Amy will meet with those planning on attending early next month to discuss the logistical plans.

### IV. Upcoming Events

- **Diversity Training** - Colleen has done some research on possible trainers. The group offered some suggestions and she will follow-up with potential options. The training will incorporate the desired interests/topics that were brainstormed at the last coalition meeting.
- **Town Hall Meeting** –State Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking (RuAD) – The Coalition applied for \$500 to help with a local event and the Shuksan Community Family Night, that is being planned, will be our “town hall meeting” for that purpose. This event will include four different parent informational sessions, games and activities for youth, dinner and door prizes. Attached in the email is the flyer. Dennis has agreed to apply for funding for a town hall meeting (Family Night) in Ferndale.
- **World Café Workshop:** Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 12-4PM – WFCN is hosting a workshop led by Steve Byer on hosting meaningful conversations. The goal of this training is to expand our community’s leadership in facilitating more Conversations That Matter. These conversations will help us build deeper connections, expand our collective knowledge, and build new possibilities for action. The workshop is FREE, but please register using this link and email [sbbyers7@comcast.net](mailto:sbbyers7@comcast.net) or call 360 259-0340 or 360-738-1196.
- **Announcements** (*aka Purposeful Digression*): Maurene is hosting two trainings at the ESD. Motivational Interviewing on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-12, \$25 for school staff and \$50 for non-school staff and Substance Abuse Detection on March 21<sup>st</sup> all day (8hours) which is free. Please contact her for more information. Linda announced that English Strengthening Families Program (SFP) at Shuksan will begin on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and Spanish SFP will start on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and Ferndale SFP will start on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Linda for more information.

### V. Closing

- Upcoming year – The coalition was asked to think about the year ahead and what they are looking forward to regarding the work of the coalition. The responses included:
  - Working with the BHS youth & more prevention work
  - Medical community listening to ACE information and importance to the healthcare system

- Youth groups successfully accomplishing an event or campaign
- Coalition holding a retreat
- Shuksan Prevention eCub doing fun & positive activities
- Prevention Club at Ferndale Middle schools
- Complex trauma/ACE/Arc trainings in our region
- Continue to partner and do family outreach – create a comfortable atmosphere at school for parents
- Continue to break down silos & build stronger partnerships
- The Dispute Resolution Center to have better partnerships with the Coalition
- To keep attending meetings and hear about projects
- Connecting youth and adults to their passions
- Help the coalition to be at the center of a community shift in awareness of substance abuse issues
- Create better relationships with schools – to implement campaigns
- Connection CIS & coalition with schools especially in Ferndale
- Completing prevention education & community wide survey, shift more to prevention
- Have students collect information among college campuses that will provide more accurate information and foster a campaign. Implement survey on college campuses targeting risk behaviors.

**VI. Next Meeting**

- February 2, 2012 from 3.30 – 5.00pm at St. Luke’s Health Education Center

**Thank you for coming!!!**

*The mission of the Whatcom County Prevention Coalition is to build safe and healthy communities by providing leadership, promoting prevention, and building partnerships that mobilize youth, families, and neighborhoods to reduce substance abuse and other destructive behaviors among youth and the broader community.*