



## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2016

**Attendance:** Tammy Amador, Blake Baird, Kathryn Bernhardt, Jim Bloss, Kerry Boone, JeNell Buchanan, Julie Conklin, Fran Duckworth, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Chris Hendrickson, Chris Jury, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers, Paola Saldana.

**Guests:** Wendi Burchill, Snohomish Health District; Jodie DesBiens, ESD #189; Kara Dineen, Take the Next Step; WendiLee Johnson, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Pamela Shields, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Kammy Thompson, Parent/Faith Community; Eric "Doe," Parent.

**Staff:** Joe Neigel

**Sectors of Support represented at this meeting:** 9 (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**

Meeting was called to order at 1PM by Coalition Chair, Tom MacIntyre.

- **New Coalition Business**

- **Provider Spotlight – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County**

Pamela Shields, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County (BBBS), along with Program Manager WendiLee Johnson, presented about their agency and the provision of community-based mentoring services. BBBS was selected by the Coalition in December, 2015 to provide community-based mentoring for the Coalition after receiving Dedicated Marijuana Account (DMA) funding from the State. DMA funded programs have to be demonstrated by research to reduce youth marijuana initiation and show evidence of cost-benefits to society.

- **Action Item - Coalition Shifts to Co-Chair Leadership**

Coalition Chair Tom MacIntyre proposed modifying the Coalition leadership structure to include a Co-Chair arrangement as an alternative to the current Chair/Vice-Chair configuration. Vice-Chair Kerry Boone was also nominated to serve as Co-Chair. On a unanimous vote of the Coalition membership both proposals were approved: the Co-Chair leadership configuration was adopted and Kerry Boone was elected to Co-Chair along with Tom MacIntyre.

- **Monroe Community Coalition Selected to Host Town Hall on Underage Drinking**

MCC was selected by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to receive a \$500 planning stipend for hosting a Town Hall meeting to prevent underage drinking. Coalition members interested in learning more about the Town Hall process can link directly to SAMHSA's website by clicking: [here](#). Chris Jury, Kathy Bernhardt, Chris Grey, Jim Bloss and Kerry Boone agreed to serve on the planning committee for the event.

- **Annual Community Survey Results Discussed**

Joe Neigel presented the findings of the Coalition’s 2015 Annual Community Survey, which closed on 12/31/2015. 230 respondents weighed in with surprising results: More local adults are concerned about youth mental health issues than they are about underage alcohol and marijuana use; however, the vast majority of respondents (89%) are ready for City Hall to take policy action to regulate e-cigarette advertising and youth access in Monroe. You can see our presentation on the Annual Community Survey results on the Coalition website at:

<http://monroecommunitycoalition.com/our-plan/annual-community-survey-results/>

- **Paper Tigers**

JeNell Buchanan gave an update about the Paper Tigers subcommittee’s first planning session. At this time, the committee is seeking a February screening date and will be approaching the Galaxy 12 theater to see if a screening at that location is possible.

- **Mental Health funding for Suicide Prevention**

Joe Neigel gave an update about the Coalition pursuing grant funding from the State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery for suicide prevention strategies. The Coalition watched a video on the evidence-based Sources of Strength program, a strategy that seemed to have a close fit with the goals and activities of the Youth Coalition.

If awarded, this suicide prevention grant will include up to \$20,000 of funding for a community-based Youth Mental Health First Aid training, implementation of the Sources of Strength program, and other educational and community outreach strategies. Our screening of Paper Tigers will be used as a community awareness event for the grant, which will be the first of a series of deeper community conversations about complex trauma and suicide.

- **Adjourn**

The Coalition meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

<b>Monroe Community Coalition Standing Subcommittees</b>	
<b>Leadership Team</b>	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
<b>Media/Communications</b>	Cherie Matyas, Paola Saldana, Chris Gray, Kayleigh Shaw
<b>Training</b>	Mary Myers, JeNell Buchanan
<b>Community Relations</b>	Michael Hanford
<b>Coalition Buddies</b>	Kathryn Bernhardt, Morgan Huber
<b>Vape Policy/Advocacy</b>	Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford
<b>Paper Tigers Planning</b>	Amber Mehta, JeNell Buchanan, Blake Baird, Paola Saldana, Michael Hanford, Chris Jury, Mary Myers
<b>Town Hall Planning</b>	Kathy Bernhardt, Jim Bloss, Chris Jury, Kerry Boone
<b>Youth Coalition</b>	Samantha Johnson, Brennan Edburgtowne, Zuzu Hamel, Karen Lebaron, Laura Maui