



## MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2017

**Attendance:** Kerry Boone, Randy Brown, JeNell Buchanan, Cheryl Gertsch, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Morgan Huber, Tom MacIntyre, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers, Justin Springer, Erin Zacharda

**Guests:** Erin Angus-Snapka, Downtown Monroe Association; Barbara Coleman, Early Head Start; Juliet D’Alessandro, Snohomish Health District; Mostafa Ghous, Everett Community College; Lorretta Morris, Foster Home Constellation; Jennifer Reid, Snohomish Health District; Phil Spirito, Sno-Isle Libraries; Mike Stamper, ESD 189; Deb Weiner, Early Head Start;

**Staff:** Joe Neigel

**Sectors of Support represented at this meeting:** 10 (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**

Special meeting of the Monroe Community Coalition was called to order at 1PM by Tom MacIntyre.

- Coalition Member Updates**

- *Mostafa Ghous* from Everett Community College shared about upcoming events at EvCC’s East County Campus in Monroe, including a free college access workshop for students and parents. For the most up to date information about what’s happening on the East County Campus, click on this link: [EvCC East County Campus](#).
- *Jennifer Reid* from Snohomish Health District shared about her youth tobacco presentations at schools throughout Snohomish County. She also shared that the Evergreen State Fair will be smoke and vape free for the first time. She is looking for coalition members to help staff her informational booth in August.
- *Deb Weiner* from Early Head Start introduced Barbara Coleman as our new Early Head Start coordinator in Monroe. There are still open slots for Monroe residents in the Early Head Start Home Visiting Program for infants and toddlers aged 0-3.
- *Phil Spirito* shared about upcoming library classes and events, from after school Minecraft gaming sessions to the Junior Writers Club. You can learn more about the many classes offered at Sno-Isle Monroe by clicking on the calendar link: [calendar](#). Mr. Spirito also promoted the Homelessness Advisory group that meets at 1:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Monroe Library.
- *Chris Gray* from Housing Hope shared about her agency’s Annual Community of Hope Dinner scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She encouraged to Coalition to captain a table and to RSVP by March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the latest. You can learn more about the Community of Hope dinner by clicking this link: [dinner](#).
- *Cheryl Gertsch* shared a powerful quote to help frame our work, “When I see the 10 Most-Wanted list, I always have this thought: if we’d made them feel wanted earlier, they wouldn’t be wanted now.” – Eddie Cantor,

performer and noted humanitarian.

- *Justin Springer* from Monroe Police Department shared about the department's partnership with a homelessness outreach specialist that works to connect people with shelter and services. The department's focus isn't to arrest when working with the specialist; rather, they are focused on establishing trust and connections to help.

- **Coalition Business Updates**

- *Parenting Wisely* is currently being implemented at Chain Lake Elementary School and will soon be starting at Maltby Elementary School.
- *PAX Good Behavior Game* training occurred in December for teachers from Frylands Elementary. That means three of five elementary schools will be implementing the Coalition's premier prevention strategy.
- *Monroe Youth Coalition* continues to move forward with strategies from the *Sources of Strength* suicide prevention program and is implementing a trusted adult campaign.
- *SPORT Prevention Plus Wellness*, the only evidence-based single session prevention program, is being implemented in association with the Minority Achievers Program at Park Place Middle School. Monroe High School will also begin implementing the program this winter.
- *The Coalition Leadership Team* applied for a \$20,000 suicide prevention grant in December. The Coalition should learn about the status of the grant before our next coalition meeting. If awarded, the grant will fund Coping and Support Training for school counselors and community providers who work with youth at-risk for attempting suicide. It will also fund another iteration of Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

- **Sectors of Support – Voting Member Considerations**

The Leadership Team reviewed the partnership criteria for continuing to participate in the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative which funds the coalition and requires active participation from at least eight of 12 identified sectors of support. Active participation from diverse sectors helps to influence community support and coordination for the Coalition's mission to reduce substance use in the community.

The Coalition discussed membership in terms of assuring sustainability and voiced strong support for maintaining the current membership structure. The Leadership Team was tasked with bringing back a recommendation for updating or preserving the membership structure at our next Coalition meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

- **Annual Community Survey – Preliminary Results**

Preliminary Annual Community Survey results from 2016 indicate adults in our community are most concerned about the mental health challenges facing youth in Monroe. This is the second year in a row that mental health has been the primary concern adults have for our young people. Marijuana and Alcohol use remained at number two and three, respectively. To see all of the results as presented to the Coalition, please click on this link:

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

- **Adjourn**

The Coalition meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 in the School Board Meeting Room at the Monroe Public Schools District Office from 1-2:30pm.

## Monroe Community Coalition Standing Subcommittees

<b>Leadership Team</b>	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
<b>Media/Communications</b>	Cherie Matyas, Chris Gray,
<b>Training</b>	Mary Myers, JeNell Buchanan
<b>Community Relations</b>	Michael Hanford
<b>Coalition Buddies</b>	Open
<b>Policy/Advocacy</b>	Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford
<b>Youth Coalition</b>	John Lee, Patrick Miles, Kyleigh Council, Ana Leon, Soccoro Garcia