

Youth and Family Coalition		
9.11.2023	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Virtual
Meeting called by:	Val Jones	
Note taker:	Maria Arreola	
Tri Leads:	Starleen Maharaj Lewis, Bobbie Racine	
Attendees:	Joseph Ulrigger, Caitlin, Val Jones, Starleen, Bobbie Racine, Melinda Herrera, Salina Bass, Maddie Halverson, Megan Boyle, Starleen Lewis, Lindsay Anderson, Andee Martinez	

Introductions, Announcements and Updates
<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>We acknowledge, with humility, that the land of the North Sound region today is the territory of People of the Salish Sea. Their presence is imbued in the waterways, shorelines, valleys, and mountains of the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish People, since time immemorial.</p>

Community in Schools
4:05-: 5:00
ACTION: Action/Decision (X) Discussion ( ) For Information Only ( )
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Embedded in Whatcom and Skagit counties schools.</li> <li>– Empowering students to succeed in schools and in life.</li> <li>– Melinda is the Executive Director of Community in Schools.</li> <li>– The goal is to create relationships with YFC and to educate of this resource.</li> <li>– Surround students with a network of support empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life – Mission statement of Communities in Schools of Whatcom and Skagit Counties</li> <li>– Evidence based model for supporting students and communities</li> <li>– Have site coordinators in schools.</li> <li>– Empedded within 15 schools in Whatcom and Skagit Counties</li> <li>– Conducts a needs assessment to create a plan to address the needs.</li> <li>– There is constant monitoring of the success of the plan</li> <li>– Six school district Anacortes, Sedro Wolley, Ferndale, Bellingham school district, Mount Vernon school district Burlington Edison school district</li> </ul>

- Anacortes
  - o Anacortes Middle School
  - o Anacortes and Cap Sante High Schools
- Bellingham Public Schools
- Tiers of support
  - o Tier 1 whole school support.
  - o Tier 2 is targeted support – after school programs, group settings with a common need.
  - o Tier 3 intensive individualized services, one on one settings with specific needs.
- Overall impact shows one to one support was highly sought from students.
- Academic performance, improved behavior and attendance was high
- Basic needs to individuals include, gift cards, water bottles, hot spots, laptops, hand warmers, financial assistance, emergency housing, mental health referrals, transportation child abuse advocacy and much more.
- How can you become involved <https://whatcomskagit.ciswa.org>
- Donations are encouraged. Provide resources and point of contact at organizations.
- Referrals can be self-referral, parents, teachers, a friend, administration at the school.
- Staff monitor the goals the students want to reach. The seed assessment is self-identifying what their needs are. This is done at the start, middle and end to see if they reached their goal.
- National initiative to double the size of the program.
- Hopes to expand in the school districts that are already embedded in. In the next 3-5 years to expand to other counties.
- An office is located in the down town Bellingham in the Towers building.

<b>Introductions, Announcements, and Open Forum</b>	
5:05-5:15	Bobbie and Starleen
ACTION: Action/Decision ( ) Discussion (x) For Information Only ( )	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly drawing winner is Caitlin! Congratulations Caitlin.</li> </ul>	

<b>Back to School Wellness</b>	
5:15-5:30	Val Jones
ACTION: Action/Decision (X) Discussion ( ) For Information Only ( )	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation created by Tri-Lead Cam</li> <li>- This will be given next month to allow Cam to present.</li> </ul>	

<b>Non-Emergency Medical Transportation NEMT</b>	
5:45-6:00	Starleen

ACTION: Action/Decision ( ) Discussion ( ) For Information Only (x)

- This topic came from another regions FYSPRT. Recommendations are being discussed to take to the state legislature.
- Provides access to necessary non-emergency medical services for all eligible Medicaid clients who have no other means of transportation.
- Contracted brokers serve 13 regions statewide.
- Brokers must follow WAC 182-546 through 6200. They preauthorize all transportation requests and select type of transportation that is appropriate to medical condition and capabilities.
- Individuals must have no other means of transportation available to them, be Medicaid eligible or dual coverage, have medical services covered by their benefit services package and receive services from a medical provider that is an Health Care Authority enrolled provider.
- Individuals can call their local broker to request transportation. Hospital discharges and urgent care are acceptable but no to the Emergency Department.
- Broker contact information
  - Northwest Regional Council serving Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom
    - 1-800-860-6812
  - Community in Motion serving Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania, Wahkiakum
    - 1-800-752-9422 Option 1
  - Paratransit Services serving Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Thurston
    - 1-800-923-7433
  - Hopelink serving Snohomish and King
    - 1-800-923-7433
  - Special Mobility Services serving Adams, Asotin, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Orielle, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman
    - 1-800-892-4817
  - Questions contact NEMT Section Supervisor
    - Stephen Riehl 360-725-1441 [stephen.riehl@hca.wa.gov](mailto:stephen.riehl@hca.wa.gov)
    - NEMT Program Staff James Walters 360-725-9791 [james.walters@hca.wa.gov](mailto:james.walters@hca.wa.gov) or Emily Horton 360-725-1721 [emily.horton@hca.wa.gov](mailto:emily.horton@hca.wa.gov)
  - NEMT website [www.hca.wa.gov/transportation-help](http://www.hca.wa.gov/transportation-help)

### Closing Reflections

15min

ACTION: Action/Decision ( ) Discussion ( ) For Information Only (x)

Overview: Each member was given time to give closing reflections on anything willing to share.

### Evaluations

15min

ACTION: Action/Decision ( ) Discussion ( ) For Information Only (x)

Overview: Link was sent to the committee

Discussion Points:

- Evaluations link sent to committee

**Next meeting is - Monday, October 9, 2023 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**