

Lakewood's CHOICE Coalition Meeting

February 3, 2016

In Attendance: Sally, Andi, Renee, Dan Benavides (CPSD Early Learning), Dianna Sullivan, Chad Tibayan, Gail Connelly

Introductions and Announcements:

Lakewood B&G Club "Simple Parenting" workshop Feb 18th 4-8pm, do not have to be members of B&G Club, dinner provided, childcare during workshop for kids 6 and up

DSHS grants to B&G Club of Washington, Dianna trained in "Keepin' it Real" curriculum and will be providing it at club to middle school youth; 10 week sessions

Little Church on the Prairie doing a movie night on Feb 12th 6-9pm, kids ages 4-11, free, dinner and snacks provided, drop kids off and enjoy a night out

B&G CLUB kid late night this Friday, the 5th 7:30-9pm; "My Yellowstone Adventure" program happening this summer, in process of picking kids for this program, 5th grade graduates; Feb 24 (all candidates do their speech in front of family and friends) & 25 Youth of the Year Awards, tickets are \$50 at Tacoma Convention Center (Feb 25th); March: Keystone Program is going to National Conference in Dallas (Chad and one other youth); fundraiser for the Keystone Program at Lakewood will be in May

Health Promotion Associate at TPCHD: working on youth tobacco prevention, looking for resources of youth groups to help support the tobacco prevention programs and to offer resources to groups

Melissa from TPCHD: looking for youth groups/leadership groups/community groups to work with on tobacco prevention: Flyer provided for "Alternative Tobacco Project" which works with youth to help create a project to educate their peers about alternative tobacco, tobacco marketing or e-cigs/vapes

Gail/Community Service Officer from Lakewood PD: Jeff Carroll new sergeant for community policing, would like to attend our meetings periodically

Dan Benavides: CPSD Early Learning, closed all preschools and combined them all into Southgate; Dan is one of 9 Family Support Workers; 35 family caseload; 65% Hispanic; 349 3 & 4 year olds enrolled

Updates:

Many things have been completed on our action plan for this year; lots of good work happening

SUCSESSES: 52 people at January community dinner partnered with Discovery Community Church; CBSG group started

Website and Video: Leadership team previewed the website, very close to launching it; promotional video is getting final edits done and we will show it a coalition and a key leader event in the spring

Calendar has been put together by CHOICE and will be ready for distribution soon in the Springbrook community

Springbrook Connections/Summer Planning: map of park remodel handed out; supposed to be completed by June; city agreed to help expand the community garden; Summer program will be held at

the park; 1st week of the program will be volunteer training using teens as junior staff, train in crossing guard program; trying to get a jump start on the program planning and getting everyone on the same page; making sure staff is hired and trained early; clearly defined roles

CBSG update: 5-8 boys coming to group; very excited to come to the group; kids are holding each other accountable; half of kids were at the community dinner and James and Dianna got to interact with the families

Parenting Class update: Incredible Years is going to be 8 weeks long at Centerforce; childcare and dinner provided; may do it in Spanish, working on putting together the details; Starting February 24th; 2 Wednesdays it will fall on the same night as community dinner; will provide flyers to Early Learning

Lochburn Middle School: Mizz Vicky going to bring some prevention activities/presentations to the 7th and 8th graders; will look at expanding into P/I services next year at LMS

Staff Update: Leadership team agreed to hire someone part time to help with program support for James; this person will be doing much of the event coordination, helping with program implementation and support; this person will be bilingual in English and Spanish

Resource poster has been re-printed to include disability services; please replace the blue one if you have it with the new orange one

CHOICE MVP award: Mizz Vicky

Community dinner on Feb 17th. Food is covered, but we need an activity for families. Charades? Board games? Cooking demonstrations?

Key Leader Event coming up, date to be determined. We are going to have an Open House at Centerforce and share what CHOICE is doing with key leaders and stakeholders in the community. Resource tables available, show video, few keynote “speeches”, and coalition members will invite others from their sectors. Can we send out the promo video ahead of time as a link as a promotion for the key leader event? We will be having another planning meeting next week.

Public Awareness Campaign required for action plan; group chose to focus on marijuana and getting prevention materials/messages out to parents and medical providers; materials handed out to members; materials available in Spanish; can we get them into exam rooms/waiting rooms in doctors’ offices? This is a great activity for coalition members to get involved in. Would also like to use the parent campaign ads as educational resources. Franciscan and Multicare prevention staff (Shelly?). Come up with a list of doctors’ offices in the area and have coalition members sign up to distribute, include WIC offices, all DSHS offices, Early Learning Centers; provide coalition members with “talking points” to use when approaching providers; add referral/resource list for treatment providers, etc. Grocery stores may be a good place to provide information. Reach out to faith based organizations, youth group leaders;