



January 6, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Location: Centerforce

Attendees: Andi Sledge, Holly Shaffer, Karmel Shields, Samantha Yeun, Nicole Zinn, Al Klingbeil, Shelley Rhone, Rachel Joyce, Dianna Sullivan, Victoria Marques, Chad Tibayan, Yvonne Elmendorf, Debby Graham, Officer Jeremy Prater, James Leet, Renee Tinder

Facilitator: Karmel Shields

Introductions and Announcements

Karmel from the City of Lakewood announced that MDC will no longer have an office in Lakewood for their substance abuse services. These services will be provided in their Tacoma office. The youth service will continue, just not in Lakewood.

- ***She also announced that ChildReach is no longer in operation county wide, except they do some work with the Nisqually Tribe.***
- ***Rachel from Community Healthcare shared that it's currently open enrollment on the healthcare exchange & they have assistance to walk people through the application.***
- ***Holly, from Cloverpark School District announced the replacement levy for the next 4 years to fund the Cloverpark School District. The vote is taking place on February 9th.***
- ***Samantha from the Tacoma Pierce Co. Health department announced the Healthy Youth Program Community Grant, applications due January 20th.***

CHOICE Updates

- Monthly successes (Karmel)
 - ***0 violent crime arrests reported in prior month in the Springbrook neighborhood***
 - ***Community dinner family night in December***
 - ***Community Surveys completed***
 - ***Springbrook movie***
- Springbrook Connections (members)
 - ***Elections nominations being taken now & elections happening at February meeting.***
- Springbrook monthly movie (James)
 - ***We watched "Elf" & the kids had a lot of fun.***
- CHOICE Website and Video (James)
 - ***The Video is done being shot & is currently being edited. The website is in process & will be completed within the next 2 months.***
- Curriculum Based Support Group (James)

- ***A group for boys 3rd grade-6th grade to support, nurture, & build upon skills that empower them to live a drug free life. Beginning January 12th from 4pm-5pm at Centerforce***
- Healthy Equity Mapping (Andi/James)
 - ***We looked at Tobacco use, Percent of children in Poverty, Mental health, life expectancy & people of color, & low vehicle availability. Click on this: [Hyperlink to Health Equity Maps](#) to learn more & explore on your own.***

CHOICE ACTION ITEMS

- CHOICE M.V.P. Award! (James)
 - ***Karmel Shields is our January M.V.P.!***
- Community Dinner/Family Night (Everyone)
 - Activity planning
 - ***Include competition & games***
 - ***Healthy & active games***
 - ***Time capsule where kids/families write down goals, hopes, dreams for the year & open it 1 year later.***
 - ***“minute to win it” type games***
 - ***Highlighting financial literacy, budgeting skills, teach math with money***
 - ***It would help to have volunteers that speak Spanish***
 - ***Form groups or teams based on what part of Springbrook they live in.***
 - ***“Academy Awards” highlight***
 - ***Doing an emergency preparedness. Collaborating with West Pierce, red cross, or other groups that give out flashlights or kits.***
- James asked how we can improve advertising?
 - ***We can pass out flyers at mobile food bank, send home flyers through schools, have music outside, rent a spotlight, personal invites.***

- Key Leader Event – March 2016 (Andi/James)

Who to invite? Lakewood United, Rotary/Lions, Optum (Bea/Doug), Police chief, city council, Greater Lakes, AA/NA, chamber of commerce members, Local pastors, school board, county council, State reps, Mayor, colonel JBLM), Allen Realty, Property managers, Springbrook Conetions, Pacific Neighborhood Association, MDC, Promise Board, Diane Formoso, Colleges, Communities in Schools, etc.

Who could sit on a panel? Heidi- city attorney, Yvonne from Consejo, Liquor & Cannabis Board, Police.

******During discussion, it became evident that further planning is needed, & the following people expressed interest in participating in a workgroup for this event: Holly, Dianna, Samantha, Yvonne, Karmel, Andi, & Renee.******

REMINDERS:

- January 20th - 5:30pm-7:00pm Community Dinner at Centerforce
- February 3rd - 1:00 – 2:30 CHOICE coalition meeting – Centerforce