

Clark County School Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

Monday, August 21, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Marc Boldt, Clark County Counselor; Trista Zugel-Bensel Clark County Chief of Staff; Connie Hennessey, Camas School District; Tim Merlino, ESD 112; Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless; Vanessa Gaston, Clark County Community Services; Alan Melnick, Clark County Public Health; Todd Horenstein Vancouver School District; Nathan McCann, Ridgefield School District; Tyson Vogeler, Green Mountain School District; John Steach, Evergreen School District; Sharon Kruse, Washington State University; Mike Stromme, Washougal School District; Mark Ross, Battle Ground School District; Mary Elkin, Vancouver Neighborhoods Alliance; Tim Cook, Clark College; Laurie Lebowsky, Clark County Community Planning; Oliver Orjiako, Clark County Community Planning

Absent: Michael Green, Woodland School District; Sandra Yager, Hockinson School District; John Deeder, Evergreen School District; Brittany Bagent, Columbia River Economic Development Council;

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Councilor Boldt welcomed those in attendance.
2. **School Permitting Issues** – Laurie gave an over view of last week’s subcommittee meeting and went over a hand-out outline of issues discussed at that meeting. Community Development talked about their new initiatives, including a survey they will send out to stakeholders. The Permit Center will have a new Manager in two weeks. A consultant has been hired to evaluate permit services processes. Community Development formed an eternal review group led by Vicki Kirsher, that will meet on a regular basis as needed and focus on school permitting issues. School Districts discussed the funding process and how that works for construction or installing modular or portables. It was requested to add the cities to the internal review team. The needs for a parallel review process with the schools to meet tight timelines and to have facilities ready at the beginning of school year were discussed. Storm water and the challenges of state requirements were also discussed. A docket item next year will address big picture policy issues in terms of schools and the development code, land for schools, and long term transportation plans for schools. The difference between modulars and portables were discussed and the schools’ ability to obtain state grant funding determines the types of structures that are built or placed. The group discussed the need for clear, consistent development review standards for schools. It was suggested that this be discussed with the development review team and the school districts and the Permitting Sub-committee will have a follow up meeting.
3. **Community Services and resources available** -Vanessa Gaston and Andy Silver presented an overview of the current resources available for families and students in poverty and other challenges. The PowerPoint presentation focused specifically on mental health and children addicted to drugs. The Southwest Washington agencies were early adopters for integrating the Medicaid for medical, mental health, and substance abuse programs. The County has two health plans: Community Health Care of WA and Molina Health care. For strictly behavioral health (uninsured, undocumented, or do not want to tell their parents) students can go to Beacon Health Options.

Beacon Health Options - They manage the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Federal Block Grants (SABG), intended to pay for non-Medicaid covered services and individuals who are not insured and low-income individuals. SABG support early intervention and prevention services by ESD112. The SABG and Dedicated Marijuana Account will support community based intervention services provided by Community Services.

Molina Healthcare of WA and Community Health Plan of WA – Managed Care organization fund and coordinate the following Community based and school based services: Catholic Community Services, Children’s Home Society, Children’s Center, Columbia River Mental Health, Community Services Northwest, Daybreak Youth Services, NAMI, and SeaMar.

Other major funders in school based services are – Clark County Department of Community Services and the AWARE Federal Grant through Battle Ground School District.

The Department of Community Services offers the following Programs - AWARE federal Grant; The Teen Talk Program; School-based classroom presentations; Youth Mental Health First Aid; Challenge Day; Assistance with Senior projects or student community service projects; STASHA (Strong Teens against Substance Hazards and Abuse);

Homeless Issues – Difference in definitions – Need vs. level of resources – Programs open to all vs. targeted to K thru 12

Target Programs – Vancouver Housing Authority; Other Targeted Programs – HSSP

Issues – Emergency shelters, housing programs and other programs

4. **Public Health and the services it provides** – Dr. Alan Melnick gave an overview of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), which was identified under youth coping skills on the SAC issues list form the June 2, 2017 meeting.

Experiences (ACES)

Description of substance use and mental health issues, including suicide

Identified risk factors, including ACES

Data Sources – Vital Statistics (death records); Suicide by age group and trends among 10-19 year-olds

- i. Healthy Youth Survey – statewide survey for 6th, 8th, 10 & 12th graders every 2 years.

Adverse Childhood experiences are potentially traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and well-being.

ACE’s Action Alliance – Aligning Community Efforts to promote resilience in Clark County, WA.

Discussion ensued regarding disciplining children with ACES and the best approach for that educates the child v. focusing on punishment.

5. **Next steps** – The November meeting will focus on county wide School emergency planning and

preparations.

6. **Next meeting** - The next meeting will be in early November.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.