



Pacific County Local Forum Summary

January 6, 2016

The Willapa Community Network (WCN) meeting began with a round table introduction of attendees and a brief summary of current projects within the community from each member and representing organization.

The WCN was informed by Carole Halsan, Mary Goelz, and Katherine Lechner of CHOICE about the recently awarded Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Grant the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance submitted to the Department of Health. A brief explanation regarding the grant specifics, timeline, and impact in Pacific County was provided. As contract negotiations finalize, more information will be made available to the community. The CPAA thanks Pacific County partners for their support and effort in the development of this grant proposal and looks forward to future partnership during the implementation of this program.

The meeting concluded with a presentation from featured organization the Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP). With new administration and leadership, the CCAP is expanding efforts throughout Pacific County to reduce homelessness and provide resources to those in need of services. Services available through the organization include commercial kitchens in the community with the ability to serve nutritious meals to upwards of 9,500 seniors a year, energy assistance programs to assist with utility costs, housing services to tackle and prevent family homelessness within the community, and overnight winter lodging shelters.

The February Willapa Community Network meeting will feature a presentation from CHOICE Regional Health Network regarding Pacific County's involvement in the CPAA and the regional coordination that community members can be a part of.