

# Youth Marijuana Prevention Education Program

## September 2016 Regional Meeting

September 15, 2016

### Participants

Kachina Inman, Stacy Mueller, Johnna Knoerr, Ramona Leber, Ben Johnson, Mary Anne O'Garro, Wilma Weber, Michael O'Neill

### Regional Updates

#### Cowlitz

Work group members are continuing to connect with other partners in the ESD 112 region to launch Social Norms Campaigns. They are also gearing up for Strengthening Families, first kick off will be in October. Ramona and Michael are taking part in a group put together by the sheriff to promote pro-social behavior; there is some crossover in terms of community building and prevention. Exploring a collaboration with WASAUP (Washington Association for Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention) as this group is putting together a community norms program, and will keep YMPEP group updated.

#### TOGETHER!

Two new schools are taking part in the Social Norms campaign. Preparing to continue the Peer Health Education Group at South Sound High School as school starts up again.

#### Mason County

Next Wednesday night, there will be a three hour forum to discuss opiate and other substance use prevention. Over 100 people are expected to attend. Washington State Representatives Dan Griffey is Working on changing the policy/law that prevents marijuana shops from giving anything away for free, which prevents them from providing lock boxes and educational materials to customers.

#### Grays Harbor

Good Behavior games training took place in August. Local partners will implement Life Skills program and a partner with YMCA.

#### CR-ESD 113

CR-ESD 113 is working with schools to implement the Life Skills curriculum. Signs were delivered throughout the region with the exception of some schools in Grays Harbor. Stacy can be contacted to arrange delivery of these materials if needed. CR-ESD 113 will be hosting Cristal's presentation on Messaging on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Thurston

Work group members are preparing and thinking ahead for the Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) to be implemented in October. Specifically, they are thinking about how to use the information from the new questions that have been added to the HYS.

## Updates

Participants agreed to start meeting over the phone on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (exceptions will be made for weekends/holidays). Matt meets with DOH on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, so he would then be able to provide timely updates to the group.

There will also be in-person meetings each quarter on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The next regional meeting will be an in-person meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, right before Cristal's presentation at CR-ESD 113.

Matt has received 45,000 copies of the educational materials prepared by King County. He will send out electronic versions of the documents and give everyone their own packet. Everyone will be receiving boxes of the materials to disseminate to people and groups in their regions.

Matt plans on attending local coalition meetings in every region. He hopes to forge connections between these groups, leverage their resources, and avoid duplication of efforts. He is putting together a directory of coalitions and their members to distribute as a resource to this group.

## Future Meeting Discussions

Members are encouraged to let Matt know if they would like to focus on any specific topics during the monthly regional partner meetings, i.e., collaborations on special projects done in another country or region. Call (360-539-7576 ext. 107) or email him ([shellhartm@crhn.org](mailto:shellhartm@crhn.org)) in advance so he can prepare.

## Next Steps

- The next Cowlitz YMPEP meeting will be **September 26, 2016; 1:30 – 3:00PM** in Longview.
- The next Regional YMPEP meeting will be **October 17, 2016** at CR-ESD 113. Times for Cristal Connelly's presentation and the meeting are TBD.
- Save the dates:
  - November 7–8: Washington State Prevention Summit in Yakima
  - November 15: – YMPEP Regional Meeting 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Teleconference
  - December 15: – In-person meeting time and place TBD