

# Youth Marijuana Prevention & Education

## YMPEP Regional Partners Call-In Meeting

### Meeting Summary, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Support and Backbone Staff:** Matt Shellhart – *CHOICE*, Madi Tanbara - *CHOICE*

**In Attendance:** Ginger Hake – *Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services*, Jackie Smith – *Pacific County Health & Human Services*, Katie Strozyk – *Lewis County Public Health & Social Services*, April Heikkila – *Grays Harbor Public Health & Social Services*, Jennifer Simmons – *Thurston County Public Health*

**Location: Dial In: (712) 770-4010 Access Code:130242**

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Matt welcomed the group and facilitated introductions. Matt provided an overview of this month's meeting objectives:

- Review Work Plan Strategies
- Activity #1
- Activity #2
- Questions, Next Steps. Reminders

#### II. Review Work Plan Strategies

Matt provided a review of YMPEP work plan strategies to be completed by 2018-2019.

##### School signage & window clings

- Window clings are provided by DOH and have the same message the signs.
- Smaller, easy to place on the front of glass doors or windows.
- Pacific County interested in approx. 15 window clings, Grays Harbor and Wahkiakum County need to confirm before placing orders.

##### Driving campaign

- **Grays Harbor:** schedule one-on-one with Matt, update on the campaign status.
- **Lewis:** Social media platforms recently launched, plans to begin posting in the coming weeks. Follow up with Emily & JP in regards to the Morton Coalition.
- **Pacific:** Plans to post either next week or the week after.
- **Wahkiakum:** Working with current policy to post soon.
- Try to post by next week, Matt will reach out for individual conversations with partners
- YMPEP allocating \$500 each for regional campaign efforts, including social media output, advertisements, and other forms of promotion.
- Funds can also be put towards sharing with other platforms and groups, or coalition work.
- Possible collaboration opportunity with WA Traffic Safety Commission, share out campaign with local police departments.
  - **Example:** Mason County has utilized the funding to advertise to target populations via Facebook, purchased one-year subscription to advertising services.

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- Driving campaign posters printed, plans to distribute throughout coalitions soon, speak with ESD-113 on strategies.
- Youth campaign was well recognized during the testing period.
- Regional partners will receive about 15 posters (5 adult, 10 youth)
  - 16 x 22, approx. the size of the school signs
- Consider what spaces would work best to post, work with law enforcement & school district.
- Matt will re-send the final digital version of the flyers if partners want smaller posters to distribute, can use \$500 for printing costs

### III. Activity #1

- Partners read over the first activity and took notes, consider recording data observations and what best practices to recommend as policy implementation approaches.
- Clear correlation in all counties between high use and economic deprivation.
- School districts with high use also had higher consequence and escalation for discipline.
  - Which one came first? What was the cause?
  - Do these numbers have to do with the response to high use?
- **Pacific:** Higher expulsions and long term suspensions in isolated areas, determine what grade levels were included.
  - Is there a breakdown percentage of rates in elementary, middle and high school?
- Implement school disciplinary processes focused on restorative justice
- Zero tolerance policy as the first line of defense will be phased out starting next academic year
  - What can partners do this school year to work with existing policies?
  - How districts prepare for the coming year? What support systems will be in place?
- Decisions will be made from district to district, OSPI can refer to the overall WA State law, but they cannot make specific recommendations.
- Ensure that all schools are informed that the policy change is upcoming. OSPI has reached out, and the YMPEP team can help to spread further awareness.
- Suspension numbers should decrease, still track and keep districts aware of any changes.

### IV. Activity #2

- Some charts were difficult to interpret, seemed screen-capped from web-based data.
- Region seems to be at or below state measures for discipline levels.
- **Pacific:** Only one year of data available, it would be interesting to see what changes have happened from previous years.
- Data missing from Wahkiakum? Seems as though numbers should be higher.
- Overall thoughts or ideas moving forward with the policy piece? Gaps to focus on?
  - Study attitudes around campaigns and projects in your region.
  - Confirm that area schools are on the same page about responding to marijuana possession and use.
  - Lack of consistent policy between districts leads to confusion for kids, who may adapt to certain policies, then transfer schools and have very different consequences for a similar infraction.

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- What are the options for best practices?
  - OSPI provided language for schools, WASDA to come out with a model policy.
  - Letter was sent to all school districts from OSPI to inform them of the new practice, also there is a 158-page best practices book that is reviewed & updated yearly. Behavior Menu of Best Practices and Strategies  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/SSEO/pubdocs/BehaviorMenu.pdf>
    - **Highlight what pieces you like, identify any gaps.**

## V. Questions, Next Steps, Reminders

- Next call-in meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11:00 AM-Noon.
- Matt will speak with Todd Johnson on the findings from Activity #1 and #2.
- OSPI best practices document to be shared with the YMPEP team.
- Doodle poll for Gay City training will be out this week, the event is tentatively planned for February 2019, offer 2-day course.
  - More information to come, please send feedback to Matt ([ShellhartM@crhn.org](mailto:ShellhartM@crhn.org))
- Matt will schedule individual conversations with partners regarding the driving campaign.