

March 18, 2019 FYSPRT Meeting Minutes

4-6pm

Location: YWCA 3609 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98663

Meeting Opening

- Introductions
- Sign-In Sheet
- Comfort agreement
- General Announcements
 - Coordinated Care updated FYSPRT on youth turning 18 years old while in the foster care system should not lose their Medicaid benefits. Their Medicaid should switch to extended care benefits until the age of 26 even if they move out of the foster care system. If this does not happen, please contact Coordinated Care.

Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement / Q&A – Deputy Billy Childers

- Deputy Childers is currently working as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Prairie High School (PHS) and the local middle schools that feed into PHS. He is also on the SWAT Team.
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training is a 40 hour voluntary training for the Sheriff's office. Officers do not receive a pay increase for training.
- CIT trained officers can be requested by dispatch or caller.
- Deputy Childers took the mandatory 8 hour crisis management training, which has a minimum of 2 hours per year for recertification.
- Experience is important when working with someone in crisis.
- The top priority is safety, especially when first arriving on scene.
- "Drunk, drugged, or deranged" – Risky for law enforcement due to the unpredictable nature of each.
- Suicide is not illegal. Officers will not forcibly take people to the hospital. Officers may inadvertently approach a suicide by cop scenario.
- Deputy Childers discussed intervening if a law has been broken or if another citizen is at risk of being harmed.
- Officers try not to criminalize someone having a mental health crisis. Mobile crisis will be called to assist if it is safe.
- Sheriff's Dept. does not wear vest cameras due to cost of maintenance and staffing for records request.
- Deputy Childers discussed youth's rights if stopped by an officer.
- FYSPRT discussed racial profiling of youth and ways to keep youth safe.
- Suggestions for youth who may be faced with this: Don't run, keep your hands visible (not in your pockets) but it doesn't have to be all the way up, be respectful, if it is social stop you don't have to give ID, if they are investigating a crime then they have the right to detainment, note time and officer, video tape if able. Make report if needed to the officer's supervisor/Sergeant. Internal Affairs (IA) may deal with issue.
- If someone has mental health difficulties when stopped by officer, try to let officer know of condition.

- FYSPRT discussed how to make CIT more beneficial: Legislative, advocating, bonuses to officers, officer titles (CIT Trained), grants or fundraising, community praise, or law enforcement supervisor making CIT a priority.
- FYSPRT discussed informal settings to meet with community members such as neighborhood watches or community events.
- SRO is more focused on restorative justice and letting school handle issues. If criminal/maladaptive patterns keep repeating, SROs become involved.

Update on State FYSPRT Meeting - Michelle Karnath

- CLIP process discussed at State FYSPRT as well as statewide CLIP IT meeting.
- Most of the region's process are similar to SW WA.
- Local FYSPRTs brought up concerns to the state. These issues are being heard and will hopefully start to effect larger statewide changes.
- State FYSPRT discussed more youth and family involvement in the CLIP process. Can youth peers be part of the process?
- Discussed Substitute Senate Bill 6560 - Ensuring that no youth is discharged from a public system of care into homelessness.

Healthy Relationship Activity - Briana Mason

- Group activity focused on rewording phrases to be more respectful.
- Identify ways verbal abuse occurs in relationships such as gas lighting.

Wrap up and Evaluations