

SWWA FYSPRT Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2020, at 4pm to 6pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Meeting Opening

- Introductions
- Virtual sign-in and technical assistance as needed
- Comfort agreement
- General announcements
 - Karen Kelly shared collaborating with SWWA FYSPRT to host 2 sections for Serving on Groups training. First one on June 25th at 3pm-5pm (Thursday) and second one on June 30th at 3pm-5pm (Tuesday). Focused on families or system partners for helping parents build their meeting skills. Trainings will be done online through Zoom.

Statewide FYSPRT Update

- Statewide FYSPRT discussion items include respite support, SPARK (Students Providing and Receiving Knowledge) program in Yakima, and the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery's (DBHR) response to George Floyd protests and Black Lives Matter movement.

PRIDE and Triple Point Update

- Triple Point program offered from Children's Home Society.
- Hold virtual meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Invites high school students and transgender/non-binary youth to attend.
- Stephen shared historical information (Stonewall Uprising) about PRIDE month.
- Shared PRIDE is joining the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Recently, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that people cannot be discriminated based on LGBTQ+ standing in the work place.
- Still able to connect with Gay Straight Alliances.
- Shared other LGBTQ+ resources such as Quick, Trevor Project, Teen Talk, and Youth House.

Youth Advocacy Empowerment Update and Guided Activity – Charades

- Shared that stopped monthly meetings and looking to do a meaningful movies virtual event.
- Briana and other members and attendees participated in a charades event.

WISe and Other Services Clarification

- Katie led a discussion on WISe services being able to be done at the same time as other services.
- There is confusion from some community organizations that believed if a family and youth was enrolled in WISe, they did not qualify for other services.

Supporting People of Color – Becoming an Ally FYSPRT Community Discussion

- Michelle, Briana, and Katie led a discussion on how the FYSPRT can be an ally to people of color and ensuring equity in the treatment and support they receive.

- Discussed how education and race intersect. Students of color have experienced higher rates of disciplinary action. Someone shared the Vancouver Public School District was audited some time ago because of this.
- Discussed juvenile detention and if there are racial disparities in youth entering this system. Is there a workgroup that focuses on this topic?
- Talked about the equity and engagement board from Ridgefield. This included forums for community members to learn and share their experiences; these forums gave take away lessons to attendees and to challenge potential biases they may have. Discussed microaggressions and white privilege.
- Discussed there is a youth focused training series, Be the Bridge, that focused on race and taught what to say, how to confront issues, and counselors are safe places to go. Asks who is a trusted staff at the school and go to with any concern.
- Connecting through shared experiences and reaching out to people who are from different backgrounds. Don't look on media and social media but instead talk to an actual person and learn from their experiences firsthand.
- Shared Berne Brown has written on this topic; "I didn't come here to be right but I came here to get it right." There is also the Unlocking Us podcast.
- A representative from Molina shared working to ensure healthcare disparities arise from their policies. Looking at policies and their workforce.
- A representative from Children's Home Society shared looking from an organizational level if it's inadvertently contributed to systemic racism; need to work hand in hand to start this process.

Wrap Up and Evaluations