

February 26, 2018 FYSPRT Meeting Minutes

4-6pm

Location: YWCA 3609 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98663

Meeting Opening

- Comfort Agreement Read
- Sign – in sheet passed around
- Announcements
- Introductions (41 attendees present)

Hope Out Loud 2 Recap

- Event on February 22nd was reviewed and ~150 people attended
- Food from Olive Garden was well received and leftovers went to a homeless shelter
- Suggestion to have Esther Street project perform next year
- A statement from Lex Andrews struck a chord: “McDonalds wouldn’t take a chance on me, but the governor would.”
- FYSPRT gave a donation to New Groove to help their organization and to say thank you for their dance performances and support

Cascade AIDS Project-Jasmine Gruenstein

- Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) has a main office in Portland, but is also located in Vancouver. They provide STD Testing every Tuesday and Thursday (free, walk in, confidential, must be 14 years or older without parental consent)
- They also can answer questions about sexual health and those in crisis, provide condoms and other sexual health services and can help with insurance.
- Staff is bilingual and LGBTQ
- Funded by WA State Health funding
- Questions were answered and Prep-HIV intervention was discussed which expensive if you don’t have insurance.

Recap on the State FYSPRT

- Michelle and Leah provided an update on the State FYSPRT meeting and highlighted what was discussed.

Speed Dating

- Briana led the group in an exercise like “speed dating” where each person talks to another person to answer specific questions with 2 minutes each to share and then rotates to the next person.
- Questions included:
 - Why did you come to FYSPRT today & what do you hope to get from being apart of FYSPRT?

- What is something that you have struggled with to get services either for yourself or someone you know?
- Have you ever given up on getting a service?
- What are your barriers?
- What are prejudices you have faced?
- What is something you wish people knew about your story or your services?
- What are you hopeful about?
- Is there any moments you wish you could have handled differently?
- How do you inspire other people?
- In a perfect world, how do you see services?
- Have you ever had an outstanding experience with someone in services or someone you gave services to that stood out to you and why?
- Have there ever been something or someone that has encouraged you to change something about your life?
- What do you bring to FYPR?
- After the speed dating, the group had time after for sharing out with 2 questions:
 - 1) Did anything surprise you?
 - How many people took the time to listen
 - Impressed by all the youth and their feedback and honest
 - Peer support and helping each other
 - Need to ask youth more
 - 2) Did anything make you realize something about yourself?
 - Grateful for what I have and opportunities
 - Not taking advantage of all the services around
 - Want to connect more with people and family
 - Nice to hear about people that you didn't know and their stories
 - Sense of community, human interaction, just getting to know people
 - Never actually got to talk to people in the meeting
 - Got to break up into groups that you don't normally talk to

Final comments/feedback

- A lot of people want to do the speed dating again, but in a quieter space
- Is the Children's Center participating? They are on the distribution list and have attended in the past

Evaluations form and gift cards for youth distributed

Meeting adjourned