

Meeting Minutes: SWWA REGIONAL FYSPRT Meeting 3/16/2026 –Virtual

Presentation

The scheduled presenter was unable to attend and could not be reached. The agenda was adjusted to allow for discussion and community updates.

Community Updates

A Common Voice Event

Parents Empowering Parents

- Date: April 9
- Location: Fourth Plain Commons
- Free event with lunch provided
- Designed by parents for parents
- Virtual option available

YAE (Youth Advocacy and Empowerment) Update

- McKenna Sims from the Queer Youth Resource Center presented at the previous YAE meeting.
- Resources from the presentation are available through YAE social media channels.
- Next YAE meeting: April 6.

Community Events

Peace and Justice Fair

- September 12–13
- Esther Short Park

Multicultural Resource Fair

- May 3
- Hudson's Bay area
- Free event with food, entertainment, and community resources

Children's Festival

- Community event held annually at the mall
- Features resource tables and family activities
- Typically serves 200–300 attendees

Crisis System of Care Town Hall

Hosted by Carelon:

- Date: April 8
- Time: 12:00 PM–1:00 PM
- Virtual
- Seeking feedback from individuals and families who have utilized crisis services within the past year
- Participants eligible for a \$20 gift card

Real Talk Discussion: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The group engaged in a discussion regarding the growing role of AI in daily life, education, and professional settings.

Key Themes

- Concerns about reduced human connection and social interaction.
- Increased use of AI among youth for companionship and emotional support.
- Impact of AI on critical thinking, creativity, literacy, and problem-solving skills.
- AI use in educational settings and among college students.
- Potential workplace benefits, including editing and communication support.
- Need for healthy boundaries and responsible AI use.
- Challenges related to technology access and digital equity for refugee and underserved families.

Participant Insights

- AI is unlikely to disappear and will require thoughtful, ethical integration.
- Organizations are beginning to implement AI usage guidelines and training.
- Human relationships, imagination, and critical thinking remain essential skills.

Next regional meeting scheduled for April 20, Hybrid at River City Church.