

**Willapa Community Network  
Minutes  
May 4, 2016**

**Attendees:** Geri Marcus, WBH, Stacy Michaelson, O3A & I&A, Sharon Block, PCHD, Talitha Cooper, GHC, Emily Popovich, Ray TRL, Jewel Hardy, ABC, Marlynn Jenkins of WHH, Barb Zan-Stanfield, Hanna Antokol, VVHC, Sarah Glorian, NW Justice, Joyce Prior, DSHS, Nora LeBlanc and Ricky Holms, CCAP, Helaina Kennedy, B2B/PacMtn., Melissa Cornwell, TAC, Alyssa Grams, TAC/WCN, Becky Fischer, PCYA, Kathy Holland, ESD13, Rachel Grayson, Thomas Giacoma

- I. **Call to Order:** 11:10
- II. **Review of the prior meeting minutes:** Approved with corrections
- III. **Introductions:** The attendees present introduced themselves and their agency
- IV. **Topic of the Month was Sarah Glorian, Northwest Justice Project:**
  1. Sarah gave a presentation on Northwest Justice Project (Who we are and what we do), NWJP Brochures, WashingtonLawHelp.org, CLEAR, Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives (what are the differences) were handed out. She updated the group on the Legislative bills # 1553, 5605, 2906, 1682, 6360, 6413 and Department of Justice Community Voicemail. These can be found online.
- V. **Roundtable:**
  1. Sharon Block, PCHD: All students from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have two Varicella vaccinations starting at the beginning of the next school year. The drug take back event last week at Pioneer was very successful collecting 25 pounds of drugs. A lot of education about the drop box located at the Courthouse and abuse of prescription drugs in the community was given.
  2. Joyce Prior, DSHS: Talked about the Age, Blind, Disable, disability and TANF programs; meeting with the providers to explain about the information requested from the providers for disability programs.
  3. Helaina Kennedy, B2B/PacMtn: The Business to Business contract has been renewed for another three years; new website worksourcewa.com and business cards were handed out.
  4. Jewel Hardy, ABC/Back Country Horseman: 22 members of Back Country Horseman had a work party to clean up a campground in coordination with DNR. It will be open to everyone. ABC is still working on the activity center. Thank you to everyone who sent support letters for the activity center. The proposal has been sent to Willapa Valley School District and looks good for us to go forward. Thanks for your support.
  5. Hanna Antokol, VVHC: Christyn Delgado has accepted a job and Capital Medical Center. That job is open internally and should be open to everyone soon.
  6. Kathy Holland, ESD13: Our contract did not get renewed. I have two months to work and money to spend. If anyone has a need, I can pay for 40 to 50 hrs each for one of these kids. It can be a non-profit, volunteer position, private business or someone that has a potential job and want to see if they work out before they offer the position. I

work with the supervisor and collect the data from them. Contact me on my cell at 934-9104 or kholland@esd113.org.

7. Becky Fischer, PCYA: Winding down our first year with AmeriCorps and recruiting for our second year. One of our members is putting together a media campaign on the members and their experience. He found out that 1 in 20 people have been involved or a part of an AmeriCorps driven program so far in Pacific County. If anyone has a tidbit to add to the articles, please let me know.
8. Talitha Cooper, GHC: From Ken Smaciarz, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the plant sale at Grays Harbor College. If you are interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact Kent. I am offering website or FaceBook assistance for businesses that do not have a presence. Also, offering individual assistance to increase their financial literacy.
9. Alyssa Grams, TAC/WCN: TAC – Peer Helpers have been busy planning events for our teens in our community: April 8<sup>th</sup> was a Teen Night at South Bend High School, over 80 students attended; Sources of Strength training for suicide prevention; Cyber Bulling Play and Prom Night is coming up May 21<sup>st</sup>. WCN – mini grants funds are being used so we will have some presentation from these groups. The Resource Directory has been updated and I have funds to print these for anyone in the community. We also have a Spanish version we can print.
10. Melissa Cornwell, TAC: I attended a training last week and found out how to monitor our efforts are contributing to community resources and how our efforts are doing to reduce substance abuse within our community.
11. Emily Popovich, TRL: Winding down 100 things; make it at the library “Leather Crafts” on May 26<sup>th</sup> and the last one on alcohol tiles we had 25 people attending. Finishing up our grownup movie nights with Star Wars. Our Page Turner book is Tina Faye’s Bossy Pants and it was really funny.
12. Nora LeBlanc, CCAP: We still have energy assistance in Pacific County. Raymond 8am to 2pm Mondays and Thursdays with option to add some other appointments. Also, introduced the new case manager in Pacific County, Ricky Holmes. We are looking for office space to meet with clients in the area if you hear of anything available at a very low cost. Long Beach office is open and we are working on an open house.
13. Ricky Holmes, CCAP: Returning home to my community and working with the homeless.
14. Geri Marcus, WBH: I was part of the team that went to Washington DC for a conference funded by American Psychiatric Association, National Association of Counties and National Association of County Government. Pacific County was selected out of over 200 applications nationwide. Certain members of our community needed to be involved a Behavioral Health Director, Jail Administrator, Grant Coordinator, and County Commissioner. This was to extend the work that we are doing for the grant received last October to diminish the number of individuals with mental health in our jail and also associated with the State grant I talked about a couple of months ago for the diversion project. There was some questions and discussion with the WCN members on the projects going on here in Pacific County.

**VI. Old Business: None**

**VII. New Business: None**

**VIII. Next Meeting June 1, 2016**

**IX. Adjournment: 12:55pm**