

SPOKANE HOMELESS COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2011

Leadership Dialogue:

Sara Clements-Sampson called the meeting to order

First time attendees:

Mona Bayyuk, MSW intern at St Margarets

Sarah Hennagin, Cup of Cool Water

Jan Dobbs, SMH

Stephen Miller, VOA

Minutes were approved contingent on change to McKinney Vento funding management and distribution by Christy Zuniga (Spokane County) and seconded Minutes passed contingent on change

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Attendance Sign-in Sheet, must attend five meetings to be eligible to vote

Don't park near park or in spots facing church

Donations go to YFA Connections for their youth programs totaling \$49.50

Nominees made statements and elections were held, both nominees, Rich Schaus and Liz Backstrom, were elected.

Spokane Mental Health's Jan Dobbs and The Spokane Police Department discussed the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training that SMH offers to the City of Spokane Police Department, DOC officers and The Sheriff's office. There are approximately 100 Officers in Spokane City with CIT training. If there is an incident that involves a person suffering from a Mental Health Crisis the dispatch officer will send a CIT trained officer if one is available. This training has been offered for ten years and is a model taken from a training in Memphis. If you have any questions contact Jan Dobbs at Spokane Mental Health.

Presentations:

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Shannon Bedard and Sabrina Ross of YSPP (Youth Suicide Prevention Program) (Please see attachments)

Local Agencies that provide services for Homeless Children during the summer months: CRC, Crosswalk, Cup Of Cool Water, Heart Liasons and YFA Connetions (Please see attachments) Odyssey Youth Center was unable to attend

Committees reported. Only one sent in committee report

In Central Valley School District...

379 students have been identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Education definition. 80% of the identified students are doubled up with friends or relatives.

89 of the total homeless students identified are in grades 9 – 12. Of these 89 student, 67% are unaccompanied, which means they are not living with a parent or legal guardian.

Please keep I mind, that if a student was identified as homeless during the 2010-11 school year, and they find permanent housing during the school year or over the summer, that student will need to enroll in their neighborhood school for the upcoming 2011-12 school year. They should enroll in the new school as soon as possible.

Announcements:

Christy Zuniga (Spokane County) County HPRP Program is still accepting applications for homeless prevention. Call 2-1-1 or go to County website

The next meeting will be July 7, 2011 with the new leadership team members

Meeting adjourned