

**Cowlitz Substance Abuse Coalition
Cowlitz Meth Action Team
Coalition Meeting**

Monday, June 20, 2011
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Kelso Presbyterian Church

Brian McCrady.....CSAC/Recorder	Barry Stueve.....St. John Med Ctr
Steven Morrison.....DAPC	Steve Harvey.....CWCOG
Robb Atherton.....Parents Place	Linda Hartung.....WHHS
Cindy Lopez Werth.....Longview Police	Shellee Brassard.....ESD 112
Darr Kirk.....KPD	Carl Erickson.....C.C. Human Services
Camille Goldy.....Kelso Stop Coalition	Dean Takko.....Rep 19 th District

Call to Order and Introductions

Darr called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those attending introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes - Action items (general membership)

- The minutes for the May 16, 2011 coalition meeting were approved with one correction - Final correction to the final CMAT minutes to read – Longview School Security Officer.
- Financial Report – The CSAC financial report was distributed to the group.
 - **Action Item:** A motion was made by Darr and seconded by Steven that the remaining Teen Mentor balance of \$16.35 should be given to Link. Motion passed. A grant report was not provided.

Old Business

- Medical Marijuana Update: Darr
 - Kelso received a business application for a commercial building across from the Police Department for a medical marijuana dispensary and the application was denied. The City is taking the position that the sale of marijuana is still illegal so will not approve a business license.
 - Camille with the Kelso Stop Coalition reiterated Darr's message and stated that she agrees with the discussion from last months meeting on targeting education on the business owners.
 - Ongoing general discussion around medical marijuana cards and collective gardens. There is no tracking system of those receiving cards so they can continue to see multiple doctors and receive multiple cards as long as they have the money. In Castle Rock there are currently, approximately 200 card holders and two \$60 million dollar law suites against the city by those wanting to open medical marijuana businesses.

New Business

- Brainworks Café Review – Brian
 - Brian gave a report on the numbers of attendees at each location, the overall focus of the Café's, what programs/services are in place, what programs/services are needed, and how these can be sustained. He presented information from the meeting notes from both Castle Rock and Woodland. He discussed the top focus areas from both the north and south county and how the groups were very similar in the areas that they believe

should be focused on. The minutes from all three locations will be e-mailed to each group one they have all been transcribed.

- Camille and Steve reported on the Longview location. Steve mentioned that they had a good representation of the community in attendance. The minutes for Longview are still being transcribed. They discussed the general focus areas that were determined by the attendees. Maintaining the services within the schools was a primary focus of each of the table discussions.
- Cindy asked about the upcoming merger by DAPC/LC Mental Health/Family Health Center and if the Cafés were a result of this. Steven stated that the merger has been in the works for a long time and the recent Cafés were not held because of it. Cindy would like the minutes from the Cafés.
- Steve stated that there will be a follow up to go over the results and how to move forward.

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- **CMAT Annual Banquet – Action Item:**
 - Brian discussed the annual banquet at the Elks and presented Shannon's report. He discussed her concern regarding limited staff and the amount of time that is needed in planning and preparation for the Banquet. He stated that Shannon would like the group to make a decision on whether or not we should hold a 2012 banquet and if not then how can we, as a group, raise funding for the youth summit. Shannon will not have time to plan or implement the banquet this year so the group would have to take on the entire project. Brian discussed the overall staff cost versus the funds raised through banquet. Overall staff time averages \$7,900 and last years banquet only raised \$2,000.
 - Ongoing group discussion on the positive aspects of holding the banquet and the barriers for this year. Cindy asked if it would be possible to get cash donations from those that provided auction items to last year's event. Brian stated that many may not be willing since they normally provide items and not cash.
 - The funding is needed if we wish to hold the Youth Summit again and we can look for areas that we can cut or limit costs. Some in the group discussed that they believe the youth summit is beneficial and worthwhile to the youth.
 - Discussion around visiting the service clubs specifically to ask for funding for the summit. The overall need is not huge so it should be able to be met.
 - Motion was made Carl and seconded to discontinue the annual banquet. Motion carried.
- **Countywide Youth Summit – Brian-**
 - Shannon is working with the Toutle Prevention Club on planning for the event. It will be held October 20, 2011 at Longview First Baptist Church. Altrusa will help with lunches again this year. If you wish to volunteer please contact Shannon.
 - Linda reported on the responses by the Wahkiakum youth and stated that it was very positive. She will ask the service clubs there for help in funding and let people know who to contact if they want to volunteer.

Executive Council Business - Action items

- Nothing for this month.

Other Business -

- Pathways 2020 has put out their new Community Report Card. If you would like copies please contact Paul Youmans. Over the next couple of months Pathways 2020 will be meeting with agencies to encourage them to champion one of the report card items.
- Cowlitz On the Move Healthy Lifestyles Coalition has taken a position against senate bill 5542 which legalizes cigar lounges. They have sent information to legislators and want

to know where CSAC stands on the issue. He encouraged CSAC to send letters to our legislators as well. Paul will send information to be forwarded to the CSAC Board.

- Robb will volunteer to help at the Black Bears game to throw out the first pitch. Shellee and Robb will work the booth.
- Black Bears Tickets are still for sale through CSAC.
- Camille gave a brief report on the upcoming With One Voice Training. The event is free and this year will provide excellent information on youth and cultural diversity. Donna Beagle will be the key note and there will be many other informational breakout sessions.

Opportunities

Cowlitz Black Bears Game – June 27, 6:30. Contact Brian at 577-3041.

Parenting Support Group – June 28, 6:30-8:00pm at the Woodland Community center, free of charge. Contact Tobie Crocker at (360) 431-2971. Flyers were distributed to the group.

Teen Leadership Week – July 11-15. Contact Barbie Morrison at 442-5406 or Brian McCrady at 577-3041 for an application. Scholarships are available.

With One Voice training – October 14, 2011 at Kelso High School. For more information contact Camille Goldy at 501-1938. Informational cards with how to register were distributed to the group.

Adjournment –

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2011; 3:30-5:00 Kelso Presbyterian Church.