

KLASAC Meeting Sept. 16, 2020 at KCC at 5:00-6:30 PM via Zoom

Attendance: Laura B.-Executive board and counselor at Klickitat Schools, C. Coolidge- Executive Board and KLASAC Chairperson, S. Crapper-Community Prevention Project Coordinator, D. LeMieux.-Next Door Inc., B. Mills-Executive board member, S. Sutton-Comprehensive Health Care, M. Winn-Klickitat and Lyle Schools Prevention Specialist

Items Discussed:

National Night Out- Barb M. and Sheila C. updated the members on the plans for the upcoming NNO on Oct. 6th. Sheila C. is working on a video with photos and videos from previous National Nights Outs and other KLASAC events and outreach.

Comprehensive Healthcare- Sunday Sutton spoke about what they are currently seeing over the last few months. There has been an increase in crisis calls. Currently using tele health and call ins. Some clients have found this beneficial while others are struggling with this. Have moved to small groups of up to 4, which has helped some clients who need that in person contact. Sunday pointed out that there are a lot of stressors for people currently, such as loss of work and being home more, all of these can be related to relapses. They have created a crisis response team that will be working on putting programs together in the county. Several new therapists have been hired and there are currently positions open at this time. Reaching out to youth has been difficult but with school starting again hopefully this will become easier. Sunday will get current crisis cards to us to have on hand and share with local foodbanks.

Community Engagement-Sheila led a discussion concerning community engagement. Discussion followed with members stating barriers for our communities and ideas for future activities services that will support Lyle and Klickitat. Concerns with communities access to regular transportation, positive family activities, public Wi-Fi for basic services such as; doctor appointments, counseling and therapy, employment opportunities and trainings, positive family activities, and other needed services for families and children. Ideas to think about, research, and possibly input; “Library of Things”-offer activities that families and youth could check out to learn about as a family engagement activity such as; games, cooking (Instant-Pot), etc. Sheila C. asked for list of community members that KLASAC could send postcards to with an invitation to attend and get involved in KLASAC. Members will submit names to Sheila C.

Parent Coffee Hour Meeting-Sheila C. will be sending information home to invite parents to participate in virtual coffee hours. Discussion followed with looking at small parent coffee hours as things begin to open up.

Next Door Inc.- Dawn Lemieux who has been working with us through Gorge Youth Mentoring has moved to a new position with Next Door Inc. Kateel Muhs has come back to Next Door and will be taking her place with Gorge Youth Mentoring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Next meeting **October 21 , 2020** via Zoom.