Thurston Coalition for Women’s Health
March 26, 2015
Time: 10:30AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Thurston County Public Health & Social Services

In attendance: Diane Hamilton-St. Martin's University (SMU), Katie Harding-Mendez-Community Action Council, Chris Hawkins-Thurston Co. Public Health & Social Services (TCPHSS), Lanessa Inman-YWCA of Olympia, Teri Johnson-Thurston County Substance Use Disorder Unit, Louise Kaplan-SMU, Danielle Koenig-TOGETHER!, Mary Ann O'Garro-TCPHSS, Mary Pontarolo-SafePlace, Schelli Slaughter-Family Support Center of South Sound, Kateri Wimsett-TCPHSS.

Outcomes:

To share good news and progress on women’s health issues that are the focus of the Coalition

To update the Coalition on the work of the subcommittees

To discuss options for the Coalition 2015-2016

Welcome
- Introductions and Good News Round
  Highlights included upcoming Substance Use community conference. Newly opened Safeplace facility with expanded walk-in resources. Girls Circle going strong (12 middle schools and 5 high schools). 2014 Healthy Youth Survey data available.

Also noted was the bad news – and something for the Coalition to monitor -- that there has been a spike in rapes occurring during the month of March in Thurston County.

Progress and Coalition Action

- Funder Updates
  TCPHSS is currently working on the 2015 grant renewal application process. It is due in mid-April. 2016 will be the last year of the funded grant cycle. Our grant year for 2014-15 ends August 31, 2015.

- Communication Sub-Committee Update & Ask
  Communications Sub-Committee will meet again on April 13, 2015 from 1-2 PM. Based on the January meeting discussion from the Coalition, the committee is looking at two methods this year for our communications
campaign: doing a series of radio PSA's about the areas of interest for the Coalition and setting up a Coalition Pinterest account that helps educate and provide resources for those that are parents or work with youth. At the meeting sign up sheets for those interested in helping with the projects were passed around. Please contact Danielle Koenig at dkoenig@thurstontogether.org or 493-2230 if you would like to be involved.

- Service Capacity Assessment Update

The Service Capacity Assessment Subcommittee met on March 12th. The group reviewed the project goals and looked at the 2011 process for the assessment. The group offered the question list to the Coalition today for their review. One question was added: If cost were no object what three services would you add for women and girls in Thurston County? Additionally the group discussed best ways to carry out the assessment. The group will begin with a phone call and then offer a web link to a survey monkey to be emailed if the person responding prefers that option. The assessment should begin in mid-April. If you are interested or have more questions about this contact Kateri Wimsett at wimsetk@co.thurston.wa.us or 867-2516.

- Coalition Sustainability 2015-2016 Discussion

The Coalition continued their conversation about options for continuing the Coalition in the community, particularly after the OWH grant ends. Pros/cons of what might happen to the Coalition if it becomes a subgroup of an action team of Thurston Thrives were debated. Up to this point Thurston Thrives has not delved into sub-populations very much. Including the TCWH into their work may help them to do this. The Coordinating Council for Thurston Thrives is currently forming. One option may be looking to what the receptiveness of incorporating with Thurston Thrives will be. Another option is keep the Coalition as a separate organization housed in the community. Because of time constraints this discussion was tabled. We will discuss it again at our May meeting.

Meeting Evaluation

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday May 28th 10:30-11:30 AM postponed as of 5/22