August 13, 2014
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM
Location: Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Dept.

In attendance: Deborah Allen - TCPHSS, Katie Harding Mendez - Community Action Council, Chris Hawkins - TCPHSS, Helen Kuebel - CareNet, Keylee Marineau - Community Youth Services, Mary Ann O’Garro - TCPHSS, Christy Peters - TCPAO, Britt Pomush - SafePlace, Alison Puckett - SeaMar, Sarah Jordan Welch - SafePlace, Shelly Willis - Family Education & Support Services, and Kateri Wimsett - TCPHSS.

Outcomes:
To share good news and progress on women’s health issues that are the focus of the Coalition
To discuss training evaluations/feedback
To brainstorm 2015 Coalition Activities
To update the coalition on the work of the subcommittees

Welcome
• Introductions and Good News Round

Progress and Coalition Action
• Training Evaluation/Feedback Discussion

34 community members from 19 different community agencies participated in the Gender Specific Strategies Training on August 6th. Evaluations from the training were positive. 77% of attendees said it was extremely likely that they will incorporate at least one approach or strategy that they learned into their work within the next month. 97% of attendees said they enjoyed the workshop. You can read more about the training evaluation results in the summary attached to this month’s notes.

• Coalition Priorities Areas of Action for 2014-2015
  October Domestic Violence Awareness Month: SafePlace

As a part of the Coalition’s top priority to prevent abuse and violence, we have been given the opportunity to promote October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) along with Coalition members. Britt Pomush, SafePlace’s Community Services Program Coordinator, and Sarah Jordan Welch,
SafePlace’s Youth Outreach Specialist, gave a short presentation on the work currently being done in the community by Safeplace around Healthy Relationships in local high schools and with SafePlace’s new formed peer education group, SPEAK! (Safeplace Peer Education Action and Knowledge). Coalition members discussed possibilities for promoting awareness of DVAM. Because of the short time between now and October two options discussed for this year. Those options are:

1) Promotion of Social Media Messaging on this topic via Coalition member social media channels.
   Already created campaigns on topic exist such as: www.loveisrespect.org
   http://nomore.org/ and http://www.whitehouse.gov/1is2many

2) Promoting Resources Available in the Community to help

   This could take the shape of sharing already ongoing supports that exist such as support groups in the community and could be combined with another effort such as cellphone drive or other fundraising.

   In early September interested Coalition members will meet to discuss what they are willing to support. Please look for a meeting date via email.

Meeting Evaluation

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