Thurston Coalition for Women’s Health
February 12, 2013
Time: 3:00PM – 4:30PM
Location: TCHPSS – 412 Lilly Rd. NE, Olympia
Room 107 B/C

Attending: Connie Sue Brown-Safeplace, Diana Cockrell-TCPHSS Chemical
Dependency Program, Natalie Dean-South Sound Breastfeeding Network, Julee
Durham-United Way of Thurston County, Katie Harding-Mendez-Community Action
Council, Christine Hoffmann-Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County, Danielle Koenig-
TOGETHER!, Kristy Matthews-TCPHSS, Alison Puckett-SeaMar Community Health
Centers, Meghan Sullivan-TOGETHER!, Shelly Willis-Family Education & Support
Services, and Kateri Wimsett-TCPHSS.

Welcome
• Introductions and Good News Round
The group welcomed three new faces that represent long standing partners with
the coalition. Alison Puckett serves as SeaMar’s new representative to the
coalition, Diana Cockrell serves as Thurston County Chemical Dependency
Programs new representative, and Natalie Dean serves as the South Sound
Breastfeeding Network’s new representative. The group also shared many
upcoming events of interest.

Progress
• Funders National Meeting Update
TCPHSS Coalition Staff updated the group on the latest national meeting held in
November 2012. As a part of this update the group also did a short activity that
highlighted beliefs about gender/sex differences and discussed the Gender
Integration Continuum and the Levels of Gender Awareness in programming.
(Please see the powerpoint located on the Coalition website
http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/womenchildren/coalitionforw
omenshealth.html.)

• Girls Circle Update
Girl’s Circle programming in our community continues. Currently the girls are in
their second eight week session and using Girl’s Circle curriculum, Paths to the
Future. We are serving girls in 12 different schools around the county. About 65
girls are participating in the research side of the program. This year we are using
a stronger research design that will help us gather stronger results. Additionally
the UW and YWCA are working together to add a qualitative piece to the
research that will help us better explain our data and project outcomes. This
qualitative piece will happen at the end of this session in March.

• Communications Subcommittee Update
TOGETHER! along with other partners carried out six focus groups to determine
the best way to reach our target youth population using social media. The
overwhelming response was video. The subcommittee has been hard at work
planning for an upcoming spring video campaign. TOGETHER! has created a 
short survey regarding the video campaign for Coalition partners to fill out.
Please fill out and return to dkoenig@thurstontogether.org

Working in partnership with the YWCA’s Girl’s Without Limits Spring Break 
Camp, TOGETHER! and girls attending the camp, will plan, develop, and create 
short videos that focus on healthy relationships and respect. Ideally we will 
launch these videos in May during National Women’s Health Week at a County 
Board of Health Meeting. Coalition partners that serve girls ages 10-14 and are 
interested in more information please see the attached flyers and applications 
attached to these notes. Full and partial scholarships for the spring break camp 
are available. For more information, contact Hillary Soens at 
 hsoens@ywcaofolympia.org

• Behavioral Health Subcommittee Update
  As the second identified priority of the Coalition, the work in planning and 
identifying options in behavioral health continue. The subcommittee met in 
December 2012 and gave further guidance to TCPHSS on their preferences for 
compiling an options list of evidence-based interventions to consider. The 
subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday March 13th from 2:30-4:00 PM here 
at the Health Department to consider the options list. (Any coalition partner that 
is interested and would like to attend this meeting, please feel free to contact 
Kateri Wimsett.)

• 2013 Coalition Planning and Discussion
  Our next full coalition meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 14th at 3:00 PM. This 
is also the day that we would tentatively like to participate and recognize the work 
of the Coalition at the Thurston County Board of Health. So we may adjust our 
meeting time and place on this date. TCPHSS staff will send out time and place 
as soon as it is available.

June 10, 2013 is slated for our federal site visit from the Office on Women’s 
Health. At this time we do not have an agenda from them, but we will let you 
know when we know more.

Other Items of Interest: suggestions from members

Meeting Evaluation

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