

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MCKINNEY-VENTO/FOSTER MEETING 11/16/2018

IN ATTENDANCE: 17 staff from 8 districts, 1 Rep from Snohomish Co., 2 Officers from Everett Police Dept., and 2 Reps from Cocoon House

District/ Agency	First name	Last Name	Title
Arlington	Christy	Byle	Administrative Assistant
Cocoon House	Cassandra	Johnson	Program Manager, Complex
Cocoon House	Sydney	Bannister	Case Manager, CH North
Everett	Nancy	Brown	Transportation
Everett	Angelica	Glaser	Foster Care Coordinator
Everett	Gina	Key	Secretary, Categorical Programs
Everett	Sarah	Koehler	Routing Specialist
Everett	Amy	Perusse	KIT Coordinator
Everett Police Department	John	Zeka	Community Outreach and Enforcement Team Sergeant
Everett Police Department	Anthony	Fletcher	Positive Intervention Outreach Team
Granite Falls	Brandi	Walker	McKinney-Vento Coordinator
Marysville	Deanna	Bashour	McKinney-Vento & Foster Care Liaison
Marysville	Andrea	Wyatt	Director
Monroe	Kathy	Bernhardt	Family Engagement Liaison
Mukilteo	Cynthia	Davis	Office Assistant, Categorical Programs
Mukilteo	Cindy	Steigerwald	Transportation Manager
Mukilteo	Beth	VanderVeen	Director of Student Services

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NWESD	Mark	Dennis	NWESD Regional Transportation Coordinator
Snohomish County	Tyler	Verda	Grants & Program Specialist
Sultan	Gayle	Wilson	Executive Director, Special Services
Sultan	Diane	Shields	Transportation Manager
Sultan	Nyssa	Weideman	Administrative Assistant

INTRODUCTION

Meeting was held at Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center in Everett, WA. Called to order at 10:05am by Amy Perusse, KIT Coordinator, Everett Public Schools. Introductions were made among the attendees.

Guest Speakers: Tyler Verda, of Snohomish County Human Services Department gave an update on the Youth Homeless Development Project (YHDP) that was awarded \$2,387,593 to use over the next 2 years. The first draft of the plan has been submitted. There will be additional reviews and changes of the plan. Once finalized the projects are projected to begin on October 1, 2019. The YHDP will primarily serve unaccompanied homeless youth and pregnant youth under the age of 25. Housing will most likely be discussed as part of the grant funding.

Tyler informed everyone that HUD energy assistance has opened. Cold weather shelters and information is available here:

https://www.resourcehouse.info/win211/Search/Topics/BH-1800.8500-185/Extreme_Cold_Weather_Shelters There is a Low Income Needs Assessment going out to ECEAP Families to assess the most pressing needs of low income households. Additional surveys are available to use at your District. Contact Amy Perusse if you would like an electronic copy of the survey.

Amy introduced Officer John Zeka from the Everett Police Department. Officer Zeka works with the Community Outlook & Enforcement Team (COET). COET has an embedded social worker that has been working with them since 2015. COET works to connect individuals and families with resources & services available in our community. COET often encounters families that are living in their vehicles. Since learning about the MKV Program, Officer Zeka has been able to connect families with their local MKV Liaison to help maintain attendance at their neighborhood schools. Snohomish County has a similar program to COET, where embedded social workers and law enforcement work together to help individuals and families navigate local resources and services. The County will soon open a Community Resource Center in the existing Carnegie Building where the community can access local resources and services.

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Officer Zeka introduced fellow Everett Police Officer, Anthony Fletcher, who has been named the department's first Gang Resource Officer. Officer Fletcher was a former School Resource Officer. He explained that a lack of positive role models and misguided influences from social peers can lead kids to join a gang. He spoke about Everett's new Pivot program that looks to find mentors, role models and community agencies that can help potential gang members as well as their families. They will work to provide services and develop specific action plans to replace negative influences with those that are positive. To read more about related community programs, click on the following link: <https://myeverettnews.com/2018/09/17/positive-influence-best-tool-to-combat-gangs-in-everett/>

Cocoon House Updates: Sydney Bannister & Cassandra Johnson provided updates from Cocoon House. CH currently has a total of 4 Shelters, two emergency shelters for ages 12 – 17 and two long-term Shelters for ages 16 – 18. Anyone can contact the shelters by calling or texting the Safe Place Line which is available to anyone in Snohomish County, 24/7. 425-877-5171. <http://www.cocoonhouse.org/>

The U-Turn Center is a “drop in” center located on Broadway in Everett. The center is open to youth 12 – 24 years of age. Monday – Friday from 2:00 – 6:30pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Services offered at U-Turn vary throughout the month. Youth have the opportunity to meet with a CH Navigator and other community partners offering assistance with medical referrals & legal information. Cocoon House also has outreach advocates that engage with youth out in the community. Support is also available for guardians of youth. CH has prevention navigators on staff that offer guardians a free 90-minute counseling session over the phone. This service can be accessed by calling Cocoon House at: 425-317-9898 <http://www.cocoonhouse.org/helpforparents/>

The new Colby Ave Youth Center is due to open in Spring of 2019. The center will be a Transitional Living Program (TLP). The first floor will be the Outreach Center, that will provide resources and Navigators for ages 12 to 24 and their families. The second floor will provide housing for ages 12 – 17 and the 3rd floor will house ages 18 -24. CH wraps around the youth and develops a housing plan with them. CH is looking for feedback from the community to improve services to youth in the community. A meeting participant suggested that CH consider setting up an easily accessible bus stop for youth that will be picked up and dropped off at the new Colby Ave Youth Center.

Amy Perusse reviewed information about the Holiday Help and cold winter shelters and resources available in Snohomish County. Christmas House Templates were sent out to all of the MKV Liaisons in the County via email.

Guest speakers dismissed/brief break

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Review and Approval of [August Meeting Minutes](#) – Minutes were approved as distributed.

Action Item Reports:

MKV Transportation Requirement:

In February, Glenn Gorton, reminded us that OSPI requires districts sharing MKV transportation, to have a contract/agreement in place in the beginning of each school year. Email is not sufficient; the contract must be **signed** and **on file**.

OSPI has a “Transportation Toolkit” that can be found on their website at the following link: <http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/default.aspx> The toolkit contains samples of MKV Transportation Agreements that can be edited and used by every School District as well as additional Transportation templates.

The Consolidated Program Review (CPR) is happening for many school districts in Snohomish County. In preparation for the CPR we discussed options for posting MKV information and posters in the community. Suggestions offered were; Campgrounds, RV parks, libraries, grocery stores, high school and middle school bathroom stalls. Districts can order and/or print posters from the OSPI link provided here:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/Posters.aspx> NCHE link for additional MKV posters and brochures: <http://ospi.eba5402cb521.sgizmo.com/s3/>

Foster Care:

Angelica Glaser, Foster Care Facilitator at Everett Public Schools, started the discussion about the new reporting system/data base for Youth in Foster Care now available on CEDARS. She has found discrepancies between her data and CEDARS reports, as have other Foster Care Liaisons in the county. Some common discrepancies are youth who are in tribal foster care, youth in federal foster care, or youth who have been in the system for many years. OSPI collects data through the Free/Reduced lunch classifications.

Additional research by Foster Care Liaisons at the district level is necessary. Talking to school staff, counselors and reaching out to family via phone and email. The OSPI Foster Care Program Supervisor is Peggy Carlson. She is a good contact if you have more questions about the Foster Care Education Program. Fostercare@k12.wa.us

When a student is new to the school district as a Foster Youth, DCYF will send a School Notification Form to the school and the Foster Liaison should also receive this form. Be aware of how to code students in Foster Care in your district’s data base.

Angelica commented on the Christmas House Letters that she has been sending to her Foster Families. If the Foster Parent brings this specific holiday letter to Christmas House they will waive proof of income and only require picture ID to confirm their identity, so they can shop for their Foster Child. Treehouse also has wonderful support programs available to every school district. These valuable resources are available to middle and high school students in Foster Care.

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Other News/Updates:

We still have the Google Shared Drive where everyone can upload & access templates, school calendars, start times and community resource information like cold winter shelters.

Amie Verellen-Grubbs offered to convert everything on Google Drive to MS One Drive. Amy Perusse will ask her to do this while still retaining Google Drive for Google users.

There was a brief discussion regarding best process and ideas for determining school placement/rollover to the next school year for MKV Students. It's a very challenging task as MKV students are highly mobile. Amy Perusse explained the process that she has used in the past to determine next year school placement. It takes a lot of time, research and cooperation with school staff, Building Point People, counselors and of course talking to families. This past August we had some of our Building Point People and Family Support Advocates come in for a day to help contact families and update status. This was helpful but there is no current known best practice process in place.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Upcoming meeting dates: All are scheduled at Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center 10:00 – 12:00 in the Board Room
Please email aperusse@everettsd.org with agenda items.

- **Friday March 8, 2019**
- **Friday May 17, 2019**

August Date TBD: Proposing to meet at the new Cocoon House Building with a tour!