

Safe Schools Coalition Meeting

DRAFT Agenda 02-22-2012, 3-5 p.m.

Facilitating: **Matthew Wilson** of Pierce County AIDS Foundation; **Recording:** **Frank Couch** of SAMA Foundation

Members present in person: Katrina Pestano, Frank Couch--SAMA, Matthew Wilson—Oasis

Members present by phone: Gabi Clayton-Olympia PFLAG, Youth Guardian Service, Families United Against Hate

INTROS AGENDA

(1) SHARING TIME,

Congratulations to Heather Carter for being awarded a Leadership Award.

Katrina Reported that on the 27th there will be an orientation for 15 new trainers.

April 21st Oasis is hosting Queer Prom at Pacific Lutheran University from 6p.m. to Midnight. LGBTQ and allied youth (ages 14-24) are welcome!

(2) MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Michelle,

a) New membership applications

b) Renewing member organizations

More exciting news as we welcome Kathy Sakahara as the new Membership Co-Chair with Michelle. Kathy will be acting as the “official social butterfly” of the team by contacting organizations that were previously members of the coalition, but have not been heard from. She will also be developing relationships with new organizations and looking for suggestions from other coalition members as to what partnerships we should pursue.

Michelle will be responsible for maintaining the records and invoicing members. For those member organizations that are providing “in kind” services in lieu of dues, Michelle will be contacting you to assist with mailing documents throughout the year.

(3) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT – Penny

a) King County Sexual Assault Resource Center calls:

There were 6 calls from the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center line. Thank you Laura Lurry for providing me these stats. each month.

b) Safe Schools Coalition Intervention requests requiring an intervention specialist :

A grandmother of a 7 year-old boy was calling Safe Schools Coalition for help with a situation at the boy's school. Grandmother states he is being bullied, discriminated against and harassed because of his ethnicity: he is half African-American and half Hispanic. The family has tried to get teachers and other staff to address this: scheduled meetings, etc., but they will not do anything to stop the bullying/harassment/discrimination of this first grader. He apparently used to get all A's and now is doing poorly in school. Grandmother is hoping to get more info and support from Safe Schools. She recently read in the media and saw a video on You-Tube where SS had intervened in a bullying situation with a positive outcome and she is hopeful she can obtain support from SS in this situation.

A woman called regarding her son who attends a middle School in North Carolina. Mom has had many issues with this school in the past, including violating her sons IEP and accusing him of hitting a teacher. She says he is disabled and the school is currently trying to kick him out. Mom says she is homeless and they are violating her rights under the Homeless Act. She has contacted the superintendent and a homeless liaison and they weren't helpful

c) Other:

Unfortunately, we are losing 2 wonderful intervention specialists this month. Jennifer St. Pierre has just had a baby and is working full time so she is unable to continue at this time. Robin Singer is changing jobs so she also must resign her position as intervention specialist. Both of these women will be really missed as they have volunteered many

hours for the Safe Schools Coalition. Luckily we have a new volunteer, Dr. William Gibson, who will be taking over on Tuesdays. Thank you so much for volunteering.

(4) FISCAL REPORT – Michelle

- a) Thank you to these recent donors
- b) Balance as of end of last month

We had no unusual expenses this past month and are still doing well financially as we look ahead at the projects we have going on throughout this year.

These include the Turnstone Project and the Beyond the Bridge project. Both of these grants will make outreach much easier to prioritize this year.

(5) SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT – Katrina

Speakers Bureau Manager Report

February 2012

Speakers Bureau & Training Team

Date:	Location:	Trainers:	Audience Total:
2/1	Franklin High School Education Youth Summit	Nathaniel Shara	40
2/3	City Year	Briana Herman-Brand	50
2/7	Cascade Middle School GSA	Nathaniel Shara	9

Pending: Hamilton Middle School GSA
Youth Care North Campus School workshop

Outreach

Date:	Location:	Tablers:
4 th Thursday/mo.	WFHB Radio Segments	Beth, Gabi, Rosalinda, Tracy
Jan-Feb. 2012	Seattle Channel	Beth, Heather Murphy
2/1/12	Phinney Neighborhood Center- Put This On The Map film screening and panel discussion	Tracy, Misty

(6) LISTSERV REPORT – Michelle, Beth

- a) Welcome to subscribers

We are very excited to welcome a new volunteer to our Listserv managers. Colleen Mullins has taken on the Curriculum and Lesson Plans listserv and is excited about bringing these up to date, as well as enhancing the work others have done.

We had 8 new subscribers to our NEWS listserv this month. They are from Indiana, Idaho, New York, Illinois and 2 each from Oregon and Washington.

Thanks to all of our Listserv managers. Without these folks, so much of the important communication that represents Safe Schools Coalition would not be available to people in areas with very few, if any, other resources. For the record, those people are:

Beth Reis for Action Items, Resource messages (books, films, curricula, etc.), Professional Journal messages and Help Needed by Reporters/Authors, Researchers, and Member Organizations

Gabi Clayton for Legislative/Elective messages and Fundraising messages

Nik Donia for Event messages

Corey Bernstein for News messages, with Robyn Walters providing backup

Julie Parmenter for Opinion (blogs, editorials, letters to the editor) messages

Ryan Schwartz for Right Wing Watch messages

And again, Colleen Mullins for Curriculum and Lesson Plans messages

b) Other

(7) WEB SITE(S) REPORT – Gabi

January 2012 Web Report:

Total Visitors 34,100

Average Visitors per Day 1,100

Total Unique IPs 17,931

113 countries including:

Ukraine: 947 hits from 310 visitors. Population 45,644,419.

South Africa: 779 hits from 57 visitors. Population of about 50 million.

Italy: 400 hits from 39 visitors. Population of 60.6 million

Mexico: 195 hits from 14 visitors. Population of over 112 million.

Ireland: 190 hits from 12 visitors. The population of Ireland is approximately 6.4 million. (Just under 4.6 million live in the Republic of Ireland and just under 1.8 million live in Northern Ireland.)

Bhutan: 84 hits from 2 visitors. Bhutan is a landlocked state in South Asia, located at the eastern end of the Himalayas and bordered to the south, east and west by the Republic of India and to the north by the People's Republic of China, with a population of 691,141.

Cocos Islands: 50 hits from 1 visitor. The Territory of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, also called Cocos Islands and Keeling Islands, is a territory of Australia, located in the Indian Ocean, southwest of Christmas Island and approximately midway between Australia and Sri Lanka. The territory consists of two atolls and 27 coral islands, of which two, West Island and Home Island, are inhabited with a total population of approximately 600.

One recently updated webpage is **Movies and Videos:**

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-videos.html>

(8) WASHINGTON STATE BULLYING WORK GROUP report – Gabi,

The next meeting is set for March 14th

(9) LAW & POLICY WORK GROUP REPORT – Lonnie, Jen, Heather C, Beth

-New Publication from Safe Schools Coalition, coming soon: "Gender and Sexuality --101," a reader created by Caryn Oppenheim- The discussion was about SSC's internal process on train the trainers.

-Update from Washington United for Marriage

(10) Discussed opportunity of partnering with Caryn Oppenheim.

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