

# THE COALITION FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

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## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** August 25, 2021

**LOCATION:** Delany Building

**MEMBERS:** Chelsey Eaton, Kristina Brown, Joe Helm, Joe Huether, Michelle Benavides

**TIME:** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 3:04
- II. **INTRODUCTIONS:**
- III. **OLD BUSINESS:** Well, here quickly we want to go over our mission statement. We talked about this in our last meeting and discussed if we should consider changing or shortening it. As we talked about the representation of the mission statement and if it is too long, our members that attended the meeting felt that we should keep it as is.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS:** We want to start out by saying thank you for making time for these meeting and responding to the emails that are going out. With school starting it is a very busy time for everyone. So thank you again!
- V. We started out our meeting with looking at a community map (attached is our very messy Community Map). We discussed places that promote positivity and other places that are perceived as having negative connotations. As a whole we think that that The Club, the schools, the churches, Blue Mountain Station, Bluewood, the park and fishing on the Tuccanon are positive places for kids in our community to go to. We also talked about places in our community that might be missing the mark on being seen as positive spaces. Places like the General Store, the skate park, PDQ and a few others could go either way. Be thinking of ways that we could be increasing positive spaces! Remember to also be thinking of places and meetings that we could attend. Part of the coalition is being a part of our community. Be in the know and ready to invite others to join!
- VI. There was a lot of sharing and feedback about the community and school shared by Kristina and Joe. We heard from Joe that we really need to be working on prevention this year, with so many things changing in our community and through law enforcement, we are crucial to keeping our teens safe,

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healthy and educated. There is a lot more crime in the area is on the rise, and there is a strong connection to the placement of homeless in town from surrounding areas through the BMAC program. With this, there is a rise in drugs in the area as well.

- VII. Kristina will be sending a calendar with school events that will be coming up quickly, homecoming, volleyball, football and more! These could be a great opportunity for us to get out in the public and start getting teens involved. It is the first month that we can officially start completing our required Community Surveys. These surveys take around 5 minutes to complete and greatly benefit the funding we receive in the community. With that being said, we have until December 15<sup>th</sup> to get 100 surveys in, filled out by the community. Kristina brought up that by handing out swag at school events we could greatly increase the number of individuals who take the survey. Let's really brainstorm on what we can do to get the interest back into our kids. Chelsey also talked about incentives. Creating incentives for our survey takers and or for the coalition member that shares the most surveys?? Looking at feedback from our members on what they think might drive this survey to help narrow down on what we think our youth needs improvement on and how our community views the youth. So be thinking about the survey! Chelsey will be sending out the link.
- VIII. Chelsey also let the coalition know that she will be setting up the fair booth on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Hutchens kindly volunteered to take down the booth (THANK YOU RACHEL!).
- IX. As of right now we are in the direction of having in person meetings. We did not have a zoom link set up for this last meeting. We are trying to get away from that, however if there is a zoom available, we will send out a new link. Remember to invite parents and other community members to our meetings, that will help grow our coalition. Thank you again for the new guests that we had this last meeting. Looking forward to our next one.
- X. **MEMBER SHARING & CELEBRATION!**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** 4:05
- XII. **NEXT MEETING:** September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 3:00 – 4:00

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