The regular monthly meeting of the NE FYSPRT was held on January 9, 2020 at Passages Family Support, 1700 S. Assembly, Spokane, WA 99224. Vincent Cardiel, System Partner Co-Lead welcomed seventeen (17) youth, parents, agencies, and system partners who attended in person or via phone.

**Presentation**

Ryan Oelrich, Executive Director of Priority Spokane, provided the members with information regarding the organization.

Priority Spokane is a unique collaboration of organizations working to create a vibrant future for Spokane County. Their goal is to foster measurable improvements in key areas of community vitality. By focusing efforts on a few priorities associated with economic vitality, education, the environment, health and community safety, Priority Spokane aims to create a thriving community for all who live and work in Spokane County.

Their current priority is:

Spokane County has significantly higher domestic violence, child abuse, & youth suicide and self harm rates than the rest of WA State.

Priority Spokane’s process includes six steps:

Step 1. **Initiate:** We evaluate data and initiate a collaborative and expansive COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT which presents data and educates community stakeholders across 7 areas, collects their input, and ultimately tallies their votes to identify 2-3 community-defined priorities for Spokane County.

Step 2. **Prioritize:** Priority Spokane reviews the 2-3 top priorities identified from the community assessment, conducts research, meets with stakeholders, MAPS resources and projects already focused on the priorities. Priority Spokane members then vote on Priority Spokane’s 1 focus area going forward. The focus area should be measurable, obtainable in 3-5 years, catalytic, and not duplicate existing efforts.

Step 3. **Strategize:** Priority Spokane typically contracts with a university or research partner to conduct research, identify best practices, and create a