

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