



**NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes
NE FYSPRT
August 18, 2022**

Introduction

Increasing Tribal/Diverse Community/Family/Youth Involvement

Becky Hammill, NE FYSPRT Convener

The NE FYSPRT met on August 18, 2022. Becky Hammill convened the meeting via Zoom and welcomed 27 attendees with 12 family, tribal and youth members, and 15 system partners. Ashley James, Youth Tri-Lead, Davina Akiu, System Partner Co Tri-Lead, and Gail Kogle System Partner Co Tri-Lead were present. Ashley began the meeting by sharing the acknowledgement that we are living and working on land that originally belonged to the Tribes.

General NE FYSPRT Business

Becky stated that there is a vacancy for the Family Tri-Lead and a job description is being developed. The position will remain open until September. If interested in applying for the position, please contact any of the Tri-leads or Becky.

A. Contract/Compliance – Community Education

Marsha Valenzuela – Family Peer at Peer Spokane

Marsha provided an overview of Peer Spokane services. She is a family peer and also provides services to individuals. Peer Spokane provides services to adults only. They provide COVID care, Medicare enrollment, housing, family navigator, and employment assistance as well as individual peer services. Peer Spokane provides several family groups a week and they offer training for recovery coaches, group facilitators, and peer training. Marsha was asked to participate in NE FYSPRT meetings regularly and was thanked for her presentation.

Regional Ombuds Services

Gail Kogle reported that with the passing of legislation last year, the Department of Commerce is now responsible (beginning October 1, 2022) for behavioral health advocacy in WA State. Peer Washington has been granted the contract to implement the program, formerly known as Ombuds Services through the regional behavioral health organizations. Gail indicated there will be an Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy in the 10 regions as they currently exist and that current contact information remains effective to reach an ombuds. Becky will distribute the slides and flyer to NE FYSPRT members.



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B. Contractual WISE Data Report

Davina Akiu, System Partner Co Tri-Lead

Davina indicated that Passages would be able to accept 2-3 referrals, but the other WISE teams are full and currently have interest lists. The workforce shortage is contributing to the requirement for interest lists.

NE FYSPRT REGIONAL ISSUES

A. Needs Assessment – Becky Hammill, Convener

Becky indicated that the Needs Assessment is due for review and asked if the members would be interested in an in-person meeting to discuss how to share the information with our clients. An option was discussed to send a needs assessment survey to each agency to then distribute to their clients through an online survey tool. This will ensure community voice is considered by the NE FYSPRT in developing the need assessment. Members felt that Zoom would be preferable still. She will contact the SCRBH-ASO to see if they could distribute the link to the agencies. A gift card for completing the survey was also discussed as an option to increase completion.

B. Regional Issues

The group discussed the community events occurring throughout the region to distribute school supplies to kids. The members shared information about events, including Unity in the Community on Saturday. Suggestions for sports physicals were also discussed and CHPW indicated they offer sports physicals free of charge once annually.

Several members indicated that there continue to be instances where SMS is not picking up clients in a timely manner and they are waiting 2-3 hours for a ride. The members talked about the process discussed at the statewide level and they indicated there is now a link on the SMS website to raise concerns. The email for the HCA representative is hcanemtrans@hca.wa.gov.



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Becky asked if there'd be interest in hearing about opiate use among youth in the region. Brittany Clizbe indicated use is increasing in the north regions also. Zia Freeman will explore some opportunities for a presentation.

Meeting Evaluation/Next Meeting

Members attending today's meeting were asked to complete the NE FYSPRT evaluation.

The next meeting will be September 15, 2022 via Zoom.