



**Coalition Meeting**  
South County Admin Building  
7013 Sandridge Rd.  
Long Beach WA 98614

DATE: April 14, 2015

START TIME: 3:00pm

END TIME: 4:45pm

**Members Present:**

Brandi Keightley, Barb Enos, Sarah Taylor, Jenny Reisner, Scott Jacot, Becky Fischer, Suzanne Staples, Wayne Leonard, Michelle Zilli, Johanna Gustafson, Jean Fisher, Barbara Bate, Allana Shae, Jon Ducharme, Katie Lindstrom

**Guests:** Courtney Wasson, Johanna Gustafson, Chris Garrison, Brenda Taylor, Jimeta Baugh

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
<b>Meeting called to order and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes</b>	Sarah Taylor called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Barb Enos motioned and Suzanne Staples seconded.

<p><b>Asset Builder Award</b></p>	<p>Katie Lindstrom- "Katie is the most amazing person this community could ever hope to find. She has worked on more successful projects than seems humanly possible in the years she has been in Pacific County. Her drive and vision has improved the lives of so many, including our staff and the department, i am beyond thankful for all she has done. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with her and learn more from her every day. Thank you Katie for being the visionary on this ship and keeping us moving forward"- Mary Goelz</p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>PCYA</b>- Will be launching their website soon- <a href="http://pacificcountyyouth.org">pacificcountyyouth.org</a>. There is a youth oriented community calendar, if you want anything added on the calendar, email or send it to Becky Fischer. They got approved for 12 Americorp volunteers as well  <b>PET</b>- Writing a grant for Department of early learning, Roseanne and Deanna are doing divorce parenting classes.  <b>NAMI</b>- NAMI Walk Sat May 16th 9:00 at Bolstad approach, 6th annual walk. Major Raffle- next meeting is with Chase Milsap, he will talk about volunteering and his long bike trip, donating to arthritis and Nami. NAMI Basics was in February, lots of teachers attended. They are focusing on Suicide and how they can make a DVD or something that can get the word out to those who might not want to talk to a councilor.</p>	
<p><b>Show and Tell-</b></p>	<p><b>Brenda Taylor- Fostering Together-</b> Recruitment and retention of foster parents. Is a foster mom, is a biological mom and an adoptive mom. Goal is to bring awareness and bring more foster parents to the community. The peninsula has zero licensed foster parents to take children. This makes it impossible to keep children in the comfort of their daily routines. 50 children in care in pacific county, there are 13 licensed homes in the county. Goal of a foster parent is reunification. You can chose the age of children you want to deal with, make it fit your needs as well. Case workers are there to talk to you, and there is a great team that is there for you. The minimum requirement for a foster parent is 21 and there isn't an age cut off. you can have any marital status and there is nothing to the restrictions of culture, religion, etc. Single parent can have 4 children, couples can have 6 kids.</p>	<p><b>-Her goal is to get 5 foster families on the peninsula.</b>  <b>-most of our local kids go to longview, kelso, grays harbor. 2 cases that kids have been able to stay local.</b>  <b>-you can request that you only want kids from certain school districts, etc.</b>  <b>-Space requirements- own bedroom- 50sqft per child, same sex in the room</b></p>

<p><b>Mini Grant- empty bowls</b></p>	<p><b>Karen Brownlee- Empty Bowls- a potter.</b> Coordinator of the empty bowls project. This project is ran nationally and it started seven years ago on the peninsula, Karen has been running it for the last six years. The first year she did it she took it to the long beach elementary school and her partner took it to Ocean Park Elementary school, took about three months to complete the bowls. The second year she did both Ocean Park and Long Beach schools, she cut it down to get bowls made in a timely manner, the students would go to Karen instead of Karen going to the students. The first couple years they took all the bowls to the church center and then parents could go buy the bowls, now they send out pre order forms so they can purchase their child's bowls. They make them, she takes them and fires them, brings them back to put the glaze on and then she takes them to fire them again. The children look at it as how they can help feed the hungry. They know they do not own these bowls. The money has gone to His Supper Table, F.I.S.H. and the Community Table. They haven't sent out the monies as of this year. As a community you can decide where the money goes, whether it's local or somewhere nationally. They average about \$5,000.00, this year \$5533.00 was raised. There is a sponsorship program where someone can buy the bowl but it can go back to the child who made it. Each year there is a different type of bowl they make.</p>	<p>Takes about \$700 a year to run the program, that doesn't include firing fees.</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Grays Harbor Pacific presentation</b></p>	<p>Courtney Wasson- here on a grant to increase volunterring in the county.</p>	



