



**LAKWOOD'S PROMISE
ADVISORY BOARD**

Thursday February 12, 2015

**Conference Room 1E – Lakewood
City Hall, Lakewood, WA 98499**

7:30 am – 8:30 am Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Clayton DeNault called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board: Mary Dodsworth, Ellie Wilson,
Elvin Bucu, Judi Weldy, Kathy Bressler, Bianca Vieyra, Clayton DeNault,

Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Kurt Sample

Guests Present: James Leet (Lakewood's CHOICE)

LPAB members excused: Dr. Claudia Thomas, Dr. Lonnie Howard, Dr. Michele Johnson,
Debbie LeBeau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of January 8, 2015 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Leet's presentation concerned the Springbrook neighborhood of Lakewood - an area of the City that is the focus of Lakewood's CHOICE coalition. Mr. Leet has been gathering data and working to understand Springbrook so CHOICE, which focuses on substance abuse prevention, can create a strategy for future programming.

- There are two sides to the neighborhood - North and South - with Bridgeport Way being the dividing line.
- A large hispanic population
- One store with questionable selling of alcohol practices.
- Springbrook Park is a valuable resource
- Centerforce is the biggest meeting space and is undergoing renovations to become more of a community center. Mr Leet is based at Centerforce.
- The mobile food bank, run by St Leo's Food Connection, is an asset that brings the neighborhood together in a way.
- Youth in Springbrook are above 96% Free/Reduced Lunch.

- Name used to be “McChord Gate”.
- No school in the neighborhood. The progression is Tyee Park Elementary, Lochburn Middle, and Clover Park High School.
 - CHOICE has been getting involved in some of the family night activities at Tyee Park.
- Mr Leet has been primarily gathering initial information about the neighborhood so they can undertake a more detailed community assessment.
- There is a neighborhood association that does meet monthly.
- Some ideas already being implemented
 - Cultural competency training
 - A faith community meeting being planned
 - CPHS club educating Tyee Park students
 - Poverty Immersion Training will occur in May. Karmel Shiels from the City will help facilitate this.

Board discussion included supporting the Poverty Immersion Training which some members had participated in with other organizations.

Perceptions that youth view marijuana as less dangerous than tobacco was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Healthy Start Task Force

Mr Sample informed the Board that the HSTF had met at Centerforce on Tuesday, February 10. This shift of meeting space prompted some new conversations and new collaborative ideas so the task force will “float” to different sites each month to get a better feel for Lakewood.

Presently, the Task Force is working on a fact sheet that can be shared with school personnel - primarily principals, custodians, and food service workers - which may help reduce food waste in the cafeterias. This will include:

- clarifying the changed rules of what students have to take
- explaining sharing tables
- identifying food bank resources which can be a disposal option for sharing tables after a meal.

Mr Sample is working with Kevin Scott - Director of Nutrition - from the Clover Park School District to refine the fact sheet

YouthCentric Newsletter

Mr Sample shared a printed version of the online “YouthCentric” newsletter which is sent out Mondays and Thursdays to those who work with youth. The list includes youth directors, pastors, principals, scoutmasters and others who work with young people. The newsletter hopefully will strengthen collaborations. Similar to the Suburban Times, the newsletter draws its content from posts on the Promise website and various community calendars.

IALA

Ms Dodsworth presented ideas pertaining to renewing the Inter-Agency Local Agreement (IALA). The four original primary partners were the City of Lakewood, Pierce College, Clover Park Technical College and St. Clare Hospital. The Board agreed with Ms Dodsworth that this should be expanded to include any agency that wants to be a partner and can contribute something towards the effort. Ms Dodsworth would report back with more information.

Meetings for March and April

Mr Sample informed the Board that the United Way will be presenting the "Year in Review" on March 12 - the same time as the LPAB meeting. It was agreed that attending this would be a good substitute for the March Meeting.

Mr Sample has a conflict for the April 9 LPAB meeting. It was agreed to meet the third Thursday instead - April 16.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr DeNault adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.



Clayton DeNault, Chairman



Kurt Sample, Program Coordinator