



**LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
Thursday, April 6, 2017
Lakewood City Hall Conference Room 1E
6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Echo Curry, Judi Weldy, Mary Dodsworth Dr. Michele Johnson, Debbie LeBeau, Deborah Gist

Board Members Excused: Clayton DeNault, Dr. Joyce Loveday

Youth Council Representative: Carolina Robles

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Members Present: Karmel Shields

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Dodsworth moved that the February 9, 2017 be approved as written, Mary Moss seconded the motion. The Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board February minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Staffing for Promise Board

Ms. Dodsworth informed the board that Karmel Shields will be providing staffing to the Promise Advisory Board. She is a part-time City employee and her hours have been increased to incorporate this assignment. She will be assisting in building new strategies for Lakewood's Promise.

Recap Lakewood Community Collaboration Meeting

Lakewood's Promise Board did not have a March board meeting; instead the members of the board presented the Five Promises to the Lakewood Community Collaboration on March 8, 2017. The notes, taken during the breakout table discussion, were summarized and reviewed.

Members noted that two Promises, Safe Places and Caring Adults, received a lot of interest and dialogue. It was also noted that organizations are willing to make their programs more portable; however, resource constraints prevented them from starting new programs. The members discussed how partnerships between the agencies could bring more services to youth and families, and that we need to encourage partners to participate in each other's already existing events and outreach activities. It was also mentioned that well trained volunteers are essential to delivering an effective portable program.

It was suggested that information and services around healthy life choices be a new and consistent component in existing portable programs and events. It was also suggested that all five promises be fully integrated in youth-serving events. This could simply be accomplished by having a physical reminder (posters and banners) at community events. Members also concurred that Spanish (the most common non-English language spoken by families in the CPSD) versions of any promotional items be made available as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Shields informed the Board that the *What's Up* monthly newsletter is being reviewed by City staff. There is funding for the newsletter and the school district has agreed to have this all-in-one youth program and services publication distributed in the schools. The new and improved version will be a school's out piece, to inform families about summertime activities that are low-cost or free. Staff anticipates the newsletter will be ready June 1, 2017.

OTHER

The City's Volunteer Appreciation breakfast is Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 at the CPTC Rotunda. All board members are encouraged to attend.

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATES

Dr. Johnson reminded the members that it is Pierce College's 50th Anniversary and the celebration event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Members expressed schedule conflicts for upcoming LPAB meetings. It was discussed that the first Thursday of the month might be a better regular meeting date. A doodle poll will be sent to members to determine the best dates and times for the meetings in May and June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

Ellie Wilson

Ellie Wilson, Chair

4 May 2017

Date