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Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting #5
December 17, 2015
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Western Washington University

Attendees:

Natalie Dolce, Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence (formerly King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence); Nancy Livingston and Angela Sherburne, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County; Joe Holliday, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Tricia Boerger and Bruce Marvin, Washington State Office of the Attorney General; Laurie Connelly, Eastern Washington University; Amanda Paye, University of Washington; Eric Richey, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Kelly Schrader, The Evergreen State College; Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, Western Washington University; Colleen Rust, The Evergreen State College; Kim Anderson, Washington State University; Paul Francis, Laurel le Noble, and Darshan Robertson, Council of Presidents; Ana Blackstad, Bellevue College; Anne Messerly, Washington Student Achievement Council (for Maddy Thompson); James Crandall, Senate Majority Coalition Caucus; Adam Hall, Senate Democratic Caucus; Evan Klein and Clint McCarthy, Senate Higher Education Committee; Jen Friedlander, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Luca Lewis, Whatcom Community College; and Chair John Vinson, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Prevention Education – Angela Sherburne

Angela Sherburne is the Prevention Education Specialist for [Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services](#) (DVSAS) in Whatcom County. Angela spoke about the [Empowerment Project](#), a three-day program created in 2005, aimed at middle and high school students. Last year the program educated more than 1,000 students. The curriculum is research-based and covers dating violence, healthy relationships, sexual assault, and consent.

Program highlights include:

- Students read real-life survivor stories or use character cards to enact different scenarios
- 25% of students who complete the program request ongoing advocacy (one-on-one support for survivors of dating violence or sexual assault)
- Offered to every public and private school in Whatcom County
- Offered to 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th grade students, and taught in health or technology classes

- Feedback from students and parent participants thus far has been positive; very few students have opted-out
- Assessment information based on 600 student surveys is being developed and will be available January 5, 2016
- Reporting protocol was created and implemented this year
- Consent is explained using the short, animated "[Cup of Tea](#)" video; students learn about the age of consent, and the power and control dynamics that accompany intoxication
- Technology training is available for parents
- The program is free to schools and funded through grants and agency donations

Discussion included ideas on how to highlight best practices in K-12 prevention education across the state as the Task Force continues its work in 2016.

Draft Report Review

The first of two reports to the legislature is due at the end of this month. A draft was sent to Task Force members last week and edits are currently being incorporated. Paul plans to disseminate the report to Task Force members, policymakers and staff, and stakeholders on Monday, December 21. It will also be available on the Task Force webpage. It was suggested and agreed that the K-12 discussions around prevention efforts be included in the report.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Campus Climate Assessment** – Currently working to coordinate efforts between the SBCTC and the public universities to develop a set of core questions. The community and technical colleges may be required to go through the Department of Social and Health Services, which has its own institutional review board (IRB) and processes; Joe will confirm before going forward. The UW had to go through an IRB, but WSU didn't because of the type of data they were collecting. Kim and Amanda will provide copies of their surveys and any informed consent language to the group. Some schools have one survey while some have two, in order to question staff and students separately. Discussion included the possibility of gleaning core questions from Rutgers University pilot survey, and how those questions would need to be adapted for use in one or two surveys. However, it was noted that the Rutgers survey has not been indicated for full release. The reporting requirement for SB 5518 is December 31, 2016. Joe will reach out to ICW about what they have done in the past around surveys and what they plan to do in the future. To date, UW and WSU have only surveyed students, but plan to add an employee survey in the future.
- **Student Conduct** – Currently evaluating future goals and options of the group. ASUW students were scheduled to present at today's task force meeting, but were not in attendance. Natalie shared their legislative recommendations that included affirmative consent policies, expanding access to SANE nurses (nurses who provide forensic exams) in the Seattle area, and expediting the student conduct process.
- **Criminal Justice System Workgroup** – The group is looking at best practice recommendations for trauma-informed response to survivors in the criminal justice process. Items discussed include identifying available tools that may be incorporated into current law enforcement training on sexual assault; general community education, including availability of expert witnesses to talk to juries about offender behavior; trauma responses; and offender-focused investigations and information sharing across

departments. It was noted that when a prosecutor declines a case, that may be used in a student conduct case, as evidence against the victim. Major Steve Rittereiser of the UWPD and Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, attorney for the Sexual Violence Law Center, are new members of this subcommittee. They are also looking at some valuable existing online tools such as [End Violence Against Women International](#).

- **MOU's** –Chair Vinson noted that the group is waiting for response to the draft submitted to the WASPC board at their November conference; he will electronically disseminate the report to the Task Force.

Chair Vinson is a member of the Task Force created this year by HB 1068. The group is working to identify best practices and data collection stages. Their next meeting is in April 2016 in Seattle.

Future Meeting Logistics

The next Task Force meeting will take place in February 2016.

A Doodle poll will be sent at the beginning of January to determine dates for the meetings in February, March and April. Paul noted that Olympia or Seattle are the preferred locations for several Task Force members while the legislature is in session. Bruce said that the Attorney General's office could host a meeting; Kelly mentioned that Evergreen could also host. Paul noted that the group may not need to meet each month during the summer months due to vacation schedules.

It was decided that the Campus Climate Assessment Subcommittee will meet in January, and the Task Force will meet the first week of February if at all possible.

Other Items

- A subcommittee will be formed to address prevention and awareness. Kelly will chair the group. Members will include Sue, Laurie, Natalie, a SBCTC representative, Angela, and Paul.
- Paul recently attended an AASCU conference in Austin, Texas where there was a panel presentation on campus sexual assault. He shared a brief showing what different states are doing regarding consent and MOUs. Conference topics also included the House proposed FAIR Act and the Safe Campus Act, and Senate proposed Campus Accountability Act.
- Natalie suggested a member of the military [Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention \(SHARP\) program](#) as a future guest. Sue suggested a hands-on person, such as an equal opportunity officer. Paul has worked with JBLM previously for the statewide Sexual Assault Conference and can help secure a guest. Kelly is currently working with a Criminal Investigator Command investigator and will connect with them to see if they have recommendations for guest presenters.
- WICHE is interested in the issue of sexual violence and in conducting a study of prevention practices. WICHE Chair Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles will be moving from the Senate to the King County Council; however, she will remain the chair of WICHE. Paul asked the Task Force to provide him feedback about participation in the study.