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## Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting #9

May 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Green River College – Kent Campus

#### Attendees:

Natalie Dolci, Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence; Amanda Paye, University of Washington; Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, Western Washington University; Kim Anderson, Washington State University; Paul Francis and Darshan Robertson, Council of Presidents; Tricia Boerger and Bruce Marvin, Washington State Office of the Attorney General; Kelly Schrader, The Evergreen State College; Joe Holliday, Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges; Ruby Hayden, Lake Washington Institute of Technology; Tom Fitzsimmons, Independent Colleges of Washington; Elissa Goss, Washington Student Association; James Crandall, Senate Majority Coalition Caucus; Adam Hall, Senate Democratic Caucus; Evan Klein, Senate Higher Education Committee; Megan Mulvihill, House Higher Education Committee; Trudes Tango, House Higher Education Committee; Kat Monusky and Jen Friedlander, Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP); and Chair John Vinson, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

#### MOU Report Timeline

Paul discussed the timeline for the MOU report, including the June 1 deadline for submitting summaries of existing MOUs or MOU development. Summaries should be sent in a Word document to Council of Presidents staff.

#### Special Populations Subcommittee Chair

A subcommittee addressing special populations was formed during the April Task Force meeting. Ana Blackstad volunteered to chair the group; however, Ana is no longer on the Task Force. The Task Force agreed to continue the group with Kelly from Evergreen and Jen from WCSAP serving as co-chairs. Tricia, Natalie, Ruby, Kim, and Chief Vinson expressed interest in participating in the group.

#### Subcommittee Updates

- **Advocate Confidentiality** –The group is finalizing their recommendations and hopes to have a draft to circulate to the Task Force in advance of the June meeting.
- **Campus Climate Assessment** –
  - CWU – Survey design is complete. Due to concerns about turnaround time, they will be making a go/no go decision this week, and may move survey administration to November. They will not be asking prevalence questions of employees.

- EWU – Planning to send their survey to students this week. They are still evaluating the content for their employee survey.
- SBCTC – Surveys went live on May 2 and they are currently in the second and final week. 270,000 students received surveys via email, with about 4,000 responses so far (2%). 28,000 employees received surveys, with 3,500 responses so far (12%).
- Evergreen – Will conduct their surveys this fall, using ARC3 and contracting with WSU’s Social & Economic Sciences Research Center.
- UW – Student survey went out two weeks ago; they are still evaluating whether to seek prevalence information.
- WSU – Sent survey invitations on April 22 and will continue to gather data over the next couple of weeks. They intend to survey employees in the fall.
- WWU – Surveys went out last week. They have not determined if they will be asking prevalence questions of employees.

There was a discussion about the December 31 reporting requirement for SB 5518. Paul suggested that for efficiency’s sake, we present one comprehensive report, as many of the issues are intertwined around prevention and response. Regarding the reporting of survey findings, SBCTC plans to be cautious in drawing conclusions about survey findings due to the low response rate. It may be better to report the work done thus far, including the survey design and administration, and share findings at a later date. Other items discussed:

- SBCTC published a press release before administering their survey. Although they provided introductory materials, trigger warnings, and explained the purpose of the survey, they received a fair amount of negative feedback regarding the questions. It was noted that the questions were taken directly from the White House Task Force resource materials.
  - There was a discussion about the exclusion of some questions for some groups and how to balance the usefulness of the information with the invasiveness of the questions. It was pointed out that the goal of the survey is to determine the institutional response and how complaints are handled, not to delve into personal experiences, as prevalence data already exists. Individual institutions should be able to explain to legislators why they chose to administer the surveys as they did, and why certain populations were excluded.
  - The differences between an anonymous survey and a survey where confidentiality is promised were discussed. Anonymous surveys may be forwarded, which can skew data, and the survey can be taken by one person multiple times. SBCTC used the anonymous survey, believing it would increase response rate, but that did not occur.
- **Criminal Justice System Workgroup** – The group is currently fine-tuning their recommendations and will have a draft report for comment at the June meeting. They are working on ways to promote more regional communication and to provide guidance about Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) and how they influence campuses. Natalie has arranged for reps from the Garfield County sheriff’s office to speak at the June meeting about their experience with the [You Have Options Program](#). The group is continuing to look at increasing the use of expert witnesses in sexual assault prosecution and has started compiling a list of people who are willing to serve as expert witnesses in relevant areas. The Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys has expressed an interest in having access to the list.
  - **Prevention** – The subcommittee is currently preparing their recommendations. Mona Johnson from OSPI has been unable to attend the subcommittee meetings thus far; Kelly will work with

her outside of the meetings to obtain OSPI's perspective. Paul pointed out that Mona's involvement in the group is not an endorsement from OSPI.

- **MOU** – The recommended draft MOU will be introduced at next week's WASPC meeting. Chief Vinson will send the document to Paul, who will disseminate it to the Task Force. Chief Vinson's staff will prepare a summary description of the document for the MOU report.
- **Student Conduct** – The group is considering making recommendations for due process legislation in Washington State. They are working with Leslie Gomez of the law firm Pepper Hamilton, who is a strong proponent of the single investigator model and how it addresses due process concerns. However, she doesn't recommend one model code that would apply to every public university. She has offered to participate in a future subcommittee meeting.

Paul suggested that subcommittee recommendations be organized in the following categories: changes to state law, proposed policy or practice changes on campuses, and statewide efforts. He also reminded the group to keep in mind the Senate Higher Education committee's questions about measurement and accountability as they compile their reports.

It was agreed that subcommittee breakout groups be included in the June meeting.

## Public Comment

An individual who chose not to share their name provided comments regarding their experience as a victim of sexual assault.

## Guest Speaker Dr. Mollie Monahan-Kreishman

Dr. Monahan-Kreishman has eighteen years of experience working in student affairs, twelve years of which were spent addressing sexual violence issues on college campuses. She currently works as a consultant and speaker at colleges and universities across the country. She discussed the document [Beyond Compliance: Addressing Sexual Violence in Higher Education](#) published by the [American College Personnel Association \(ACPA\)](#), which she believes will be helpful to the Task Force in developing its recommendations. Today, much attention is given to compliance, with conflicting information coming from state and federal government entities, which may or may not have expertise in the area of sexual assault response and prevention. Unfortunately, less attention is being given to experts who have been on the front lines of this work for decades. *Beyond Compliance* brings the credibility of an international higher education organization and underscores what experts have been saying for years. She discussed the three sections of the document: Educating Students, Educating Professionals, and Institutional Leadership, which includes six recommendations for strategies.

There were discussions about balancing the rights of the survivor vs. the respondent; the culture of deviance that has become the norm in society, and the need for more resources and funding to serve underrepresented student populations.

Dr. Monahan-Kreishman has a one page audit checklist for prevention and response initiatives; she will provide it to Kelly who will disseminate to the group.

The next meeting will be held in the Seattle area June 13.