

**Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>; 5:00PM**  
**Gresham Police Rockwood Community Office**

- I. Welcome & Introductions:** Ivan Cortes, Nathan Teske, Darwin Seim, Brenda Brady, Brenda Allen, Roger Meyer, Kathie Minden, Blanca Lacoursiere, Maura White-Cioeta, Marge Johnson, Cathy Sherick, Yoshi Kardell, Barb Biedrzycki, Molly O’Sullivan, Gary Tribbett, Erika Silver, Nell Whitman, Juanita Johnson, Dane Warnke, Mavonnie Deitz, Brenda Butler.
- II. Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Roger motioned, Erika seconded; approved.
- III. BRIEF Partner Updates**
- Roger – East Metro Mediation will be holding some Conflict Resolution Trainings in the near future. See city’s website for more information.
  - Maura – Portland Parks is holding a Youth Summit – Learning for Life, on Saturday, 10/21. See Portland’s website for more information.
  - Erika – Human Solutions will hold their annual fundraising luncheon on Tuesday, 10/24. Contact HS for more information.
  - Blanca – DHS has immediate job openings for Habilitative Training Technicians. [www.workinginoregon.org](http://www.workinginoregon.org)
  - Blanca – HAP has a 9 week training session for Evening Trades Apprenticeship Preparation starting in December – for those interested in careers in carpentry and related trades. 503.289.4200 x200 or x203
- IV. New Avenues For Youth** Yoshi Kardell & Barb Biedrzycki
- **NAFY** is in a bit of a transition. Received grant to provide new services to branch out further into community. Outreach Team MSW clinicians to do case management w/ homeless youth and at risk of being homeless – downtown and beyond.
  - **NAFY** will send MSWs to agencies who have identified youth – to assist w/ GED, job training, clothing, transitional housing.
  - Moving to new location – 9<sup>th</sup> and Oak (very near former location)
  - MSWs will – make an appt w/ 24 hours of crisis
    - In some cases, help to reunite family
    - In some cases, help to keep out of downtown
    - Family counseling/therapy, also to foster families or ‘couch hosts’
  - Long term – **NAFY** would like to partner with non profits for possible access to showers, kitchen and other amenities
  - **NAFY’s # is 503.224.4339 or their crisis hotline is 503.517.3919**
  - Feedback for NAFY from Steering Committee:
    - Consider working with Tri-Met on outreach and via drivers and security
    - Don’t forget about East County’s Springwater Trail
    - You can connect with PAL also for teen-access.
    - Thanks for coming!
- V. Strategy Updates**
- Law Enforcement/Community Policing
- Rich wasn’t available to attend this evening. However, Brenda mentioned to the group, and Brenda Allen confirmed, that the Drug Free Zone is officially active and GPD is

making arrests based on new ordinance – as of October 1. Darwin noted that he has noticed less ‘street’ traffic since mid-September.

Rich plans to provide a report in the new future related to juvenile crime counts and how they correlate with the curfew sweeps that have been implemented during the past few summers.

- Prevention/Intervention/Treatment
  - Brenda provided the 2006 Back To School Fair Report – see below (2 pages)
- Neighborhood Restoration/M.A.D.
  - Nathan provided some feedback on Natalie’s behalf.
  - The Rockwood Business Coalition will meet on Wednesday, November 1.
  - The Dexter McCarty Busy Bees, a group of volunteers, have been busy with Natalie – helping with a lot of trash pick-up and graffiti clean-up. They have plans to do one community service project every month throughout 06-07.
  - Roger also mentioned that the Wilkes East Neighborhood is active now and had a meeting in September.
  - Roger also mentioned that the 181<sup>st</sup> Rite Aid is working on some development within their lot.

#### VI. Changes on the Horizon

- Brenda Butler announced that she has been offered a position with the Gresham Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit as a Crime Prevention Specialist. She will work for PAL/RWS through December 15 and begin at the GPD on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Brenda thanked everyone (and thanks you!) for their abundance of support throughout the time with Weed & Seed. This is both a happy and sad time for her.
- Maura shared ideas about how this transition might occur. She also expressed that everyone is welcome to provide feedback with how (you) think things should roll out under the auspices of Rockwood Weed & Seed from here on out. Don’t hesitate to share your opinion!
- Brenda shared a list of her priorities for Oct-Dec and a list of things RWS should keep an eye on after December.

Brenda’s Priorities	What does the future look like for these?
Wants ‘ease’ for all during this transition (RWS, PAL, Natalie, GPD, self, etc.	CADV (Community Against Domestic Violence) – Chief Piluso has told Brenda that she would like Brenda’s participation to continue after the transition to GPD.
Survey – we are going to be implementing the ‘post-survey’ as planned – just a bit behind schedule. Will finish by December.	Children of Incarcerated Parents – Various RWS partners are participating in these efforts and it is possible that Brenda continues to also w/ GPD.
VITA – Computers will be installed 11/20, Community Planning session will be held, too. Need to establish some staffing for this.	ECCC (East County Caring Community) – Brenda will resign as Vice Chair of this group.
MAD – assist Natalie with whatever she needs and set-up for success in 2007.	MHCC/Head Start Policy Council – Brenda wants to finish out her 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of membership on her own time beginning in January. “Rockwood’s” participation is undetermined. (Kathie? Gloria?)
Set-up 06-07 contracts with Community Court,	Compassion Rockwood – there are plans to hold

evaluator, GPD, etc.	the next annual health clinic and fair in May '07. Could this have a 'Rock Soup' piece added to it?
Assure that budget and finances are in order before 12/15.	

**VII. Next Meeting for Rockwood Weed & Seed:**

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>; 5:00PM  
Gresham Police Rockwood Community Office, 18709 SE Stark Street

The group will not likely meet in December.  
Please mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in 2007.

**VIII. Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership**

Cathy Sherick facilitated a discussion for us around the Partnership's Abstract and Milestones. See attachments and meeting notes below.

**Rockwood Back To School Community Celebration 2006**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2006; 10am-1pm**  
**Location: Gresham Police Rockwood Community Office,**  
**a.k.a. former Fred Meyer Parking Lot**

Each student should have signed in before receiving supplies.  
 We requested name, age, school and grade.

- ◇ Total number of (signed-in) student recipients: 460  
     Elementary (E) = 309      Middle (M) = 105  
     High (H) = 46
- ◇ Total number of schools represented by students: 79
- ◇ Top FIVE schools represented by students:  
     Alder Elementary (95 students)  
     Reynolds Middle School (40)  
     Davis Elementary (23)  
     Reynolds High School (16)  
     Harold Oliver Primary (16)  
     (all other schools had 1-14 recipients)

◇ Recipient totals by school districts:

REYNOLDS:	E	173
	M	55
	H	16
GRESHAM BARLOW:	E	41
	M	14
	H	8
CENTENNIAL:	E	41
	M	8
	H	2
DAVID DOUGLAS:	E	20
	M	9
	H	4
PORTLAND PUBLIC:	E	19
	M	6
	H	8
PARKROSE:	E	6
	M	4
	H	4
MESD (ALPHA):		H=1
CORBETT:	E=2	H=1
BEAVERTON:		H=1
PRIVATE:	E=7      M=2	H=0
UNKNOWN:	E=3      M=3	H=1

568 individuals completed  
 a raffle passport.

At least 100 additional  
 people assisted with or  
 were attendees of the  
 Community Celebration.

Therefore,  
 Attendance = +700

El Programa Hispano, Kaiser Permanente – Rockwood, Snow-CAP, Adventist Health, Sterling Savings, and Multnomah County East Health Clinic requested donations of supplies from their staff, board, and patrons. In turn, they donated those to this fair for distribution.

Office Depot Gresham donated 25 backpacks with supplies to this event.

La Tapatia donated bottled water, soda, school supplies, three \$50 gift certificates and some set-up/clean-up labor.

Food 4 Less donated plastic bags for distribution purposes.

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice donated \$200 toward the accumulation of supplies.

PAL donated almost 500 books to be distributed with the supplies.

Krispy Kreme applied a significant discount toward the purchase of 500 donuts for the event.

Sunny Han's donated two gift certificates.

Cantel Sweeping donated the parking lot post-event clean-up service.

City of Gresham, Gresham Police and Rockwood West Gresham Urban Renewal donated numerous services and products to make this event a success.

Rockwood Weed & Seed applied this amount of 05-06 budget to purchase supplies for distribution: \$1,320

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Each student should have signed in before receiving supplies.  
 We requested name, age, school and grade.

		2006	2005	2004
<b>Total number of student recipients:</b>				
	<b>460</b>	394	345	
Elementary:	<b>309</b>	262	225	
Middle:	<b>105</b>	94	87	
High:	<b>46</b>	38	33	
<b>Total number of schools represented by students:</b>				
	<b>79</b>	54	43	
<b>Top FIVE schools represented by students:</b>				
Alder Elementary	<b>95</b>	69	96	
Reynolds Middle School	<b>40</b>	39	44	
HB Lee Middle	<b>14</b>	25	20	
Davis Elementary	<b>23</b>	23	45	
Reynolds High School	<b>16</b>	22	24	
<b>Recipient totals by school districts:</b>				
<b>REYNOLDS:</b>				
E	<b>173</b>	151	168	
M	<b>55</b>	68	67	
H	<b>16</b>	22	24	
<b>GRESHAM BARLOW:</b>				
E	<b>41</b>	41	25	
M	<b>14</b>	13	15	
H	<b>8</b>	4	1	
<b>CENTENNIAL:</b>				
E	<b>41</b>	31	7	
M	<b>8</b>	5	2	
H	<b>2</b>	5	1	
<b>DAVID DOUGLAS:</b>				
E	<b>20</b>	13	19	
M	<b>9</b>	0	3	
H	<b>4</b>	3	4	
<b>PORTLAND PUBLIC:</b>				
E	<b>19</b>	7	1	
M	<b>6</b>	0	0	
H	<b>8</b>	1	2	
<b>PARKROSE:</b>				
E	<b>6</b>	3	0	
M	<b>4</b>	5	0	
H	<b>4</b>	1	0	
<b>MESD (ALPHA):</b>				
H	<b>1</b>	1	1	
<b>UNKNOWN:</b>				
E	<b>3</b>	17	5	
M	<b>3</b>	0	0	
H	<b>1</b>	1	0	



\*In 2006, attendees from the following also signed in: Corbett Grade, Corbett High, Beaverton High, Columbia Christian, Portland Russian Evang. Baptist, Crossroads Christian & Phonics Phactory.

## **GGAPP's PROGRAM ABSTRACT**

Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership is a coalition currently serving a suburban area with a population of almost 140,000 that includes all three school districts serving Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and parts of north Clackamas County and unincorporated Multnomah County.

The Coalition is a first-year applicant for the Drug Free Communities Support Program.

The goals of the GGAPP Coalition are to: 1) reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse; 2) strengthen collaboration among the East Multnomah County's and surrounding communities' private nonprofit agencies, and Federal, State, and local governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth.

The Coalition seeks to accomplish these goals by shifting community norms through increased community participation, increased parent knowledge about drug abuse prevention, increased support to youth, and consistent media messages. In their prevention work, coalition members will support partners; promote substance abuse awareness; build positive momentum through coalition building; kick off a new Parent Corps organization; and implement ATOD Prevention Education, media campaigns, and an enhanced youth network.

The coalition's vision of success is a future community where the drinking of alcohol among youth is on the decline due to changing community norms around alcohol abuse; where more teens grow up to be responsible adults who choose whether or not to drink, and if they do, drink responsibly; and where related community risk factors of crime, poverty, and the abuse of other substances decrease in the face of more community involvement and understanding of the negative consequences of substance abuse.

## GGAPP's MILESTONES

**How will you monitor the implementation of your plan as things change? For example, what specific milestones or key events will the leaders of the coalition use to monitor the success of the implementation of the plan?** With the key partners at the table, we will continuously monitor the implementation of our plan because things always do change. For example, if all three school districts are selected for the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, that frees up budget funds to support another activity generated by the Coalition. Based on past practice, decisions about where to shift will be made by the group.

<b><u>Year One Milestones:</u></b>	
DFC Grant awarded	September 2006
Substance Abuse Prevention Education:	
- Red Ribbon Week	October 2006
- Fatal Vision at three high schools	by April 30, 2007
Planning Retreat	October 2006
Create procedure for Parent Corps	October 2006
Six media trainings:	October, November 2006, January, March, May, September 2007
Grantees Workshop	November 2006
Select Parent Leaders	November/December 2006
Quarterly Progress Reports	January, April, July, October 2007
Parents and member to <i>National Families In Action (NFIA)</i> Parent Corps Training	by February 1, 2007
Oregon Healthy Teen Survey	Annually
Two members attend CADCA training	February 2007
Four Coalition Sustainability Trainings	by August 2007

Meeting Notes

10-17-06

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

General discussion of the GGAPP drug prevention grant abstract provided to attendees. Facilitated conversation with the group regarding issues that seemed to be important or that “stood out” to them within the text of the *Abstract*:

- The cities of Troutdale, Wood Village and Fairview are written in as part of the regional scope of the proposal. There is a perception that these communities do not ‘view themselves’ as having a drug problem or other issues related to methamphetamines.
- The proposal articulates the need to ‘support the efforts of community coalitions’ this included discussion about how this precept is currently in place with another community grant project about to sunset (Rockwood Weed & Seed), and thus is not a new concept for the group. There is however, a higher expectation within this framework. The strategy is to build a highly supportive system of coalition members that is substantive enough to deliver services.
- Parent Corps: the strategy is outlined as one that involves parents and parent groups in a new way. In this community there is a strong support of youth athletics and there is an identified need to educate parents beyond the benefits of sports. The parent corps is a key link to community; training about family support, modeling and other behaviors that can affect teen / underage drinking and drug use. A new paradigm for the community and the project.
- The terminology that is used is broad “YOUTH – COMMUNITY” There is a genuine need to acknowledge the shifting demographics of the area and the acknowledged ‘conservative’ views of the community. The grant also emphasizes the cultural diversity of the East County area. One example may be the need to serve youth who are gay, lesbian or transgender in a community that would not necessarily welcome them, and the potential for these youth to be in fact ‘hiding’ – thus perhaps more in need of services. The point being for the grant; that there is a need to do business in new ways and to potentially create new options for reaching youth and engaging them in the discussion. A need for creative, insightful and dynamic connections is apparent.
- The use of the terms ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE – and is the grant limited to what issues it can address? There was consensus that the grant was developed in a broad scope, on prevention, and that the data used as well as the framework established allowed a generous latitude as to services delivery to meet the goals. Additionally some goals are included in all of the grants as a primary format function. The *objectives* are really what is of importance to the group.
- Enhanced youth network – going to where the kids are. There is also a series of cultural norms mentioned, e.g. the need to involve elders and opinion leaders from some of the diverse cultural groups. There is a shift between the American ethos of youth involvement and other cultural views. In other culture there is often a respect for and acquiescence to elder generations and their beliefs systems. There is an acknowledgement that there needs to be a bridge (to these issues) in some of the projects and services by including and engaging elders and at the same time involving youth.

- QUESTION: How accurate is the data that was used in the grant and what is the possibility that it was not all the same. Data sources were reluctant to share information so it is possible that the data used was based on self selected queries – those who completed the surveys did so as a choice and thus it may not reflect all views – however the data was all collected with the same methodology and within the same context.

The group concluded with some ideas for the implementation:

1. The need to have programs go through the summer and involve parents and families
2. Focus on community events that may be short duration high intensity involvement for partners.
3. Linkages to current RWS programs to continue efforts.

Group concluded the discussion with ideas for strategic planning session and upcoming dates. December 6<sup>th</sup>, afternoon was proposed. Members are encouraged to contact Maura – [maura@palkids.org](mailto:maura@palkids.org) with in-put, ideas and further information.

Meeting closed

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marge Johnson	Gresham resident
Ivan Cortes	MC Dept of Community Justice
Dave Warnke	MC Dept of Community Justice
Carl Jaber	MC Dept of Community Justice
Mavonnie Deitz	MHCC Family Support Programs/Head Start
Brenda Brady	MHCC
Brenda Allen	MC District Attorney's Office
Blanca Lacoursiere	Worksource Oregon Portland Metro East
Yoshi Kardell	New Avenues For Youth
Barbara Biedrzycki	New Avenues For Youth
Molly O'Sullivan	Police Activities League
Maura White-Cioeta	Police Activities League
Gary Tribbett	Clear Creek Community Church
Erika Silver	Human Solutions, Inc.
Nell Whitman	Human Solutions, Inc.
Juanita Johnson	Advantage Point
Roger Meyer	Rockwood Neighborhood Association
Darwin Seim	Mr. Transmission
Nathan Teske	Gresham resident
Cathy Sherick	Police Activities League
Brenda Butler	Rockwood Weed & Seed