

Attendees: Tedra Cobb, Ken Sayres, University of Rochester, and Lori Fleming

SUMMARY

Lori Fleming and Tedra Cobb discussed the challenges and plans for upcoming community conversations and train-the-trainer sessions in Snohomish and Jefferson Counties, focusing on logistics and community engagement. The discussion also touched upon leveraging statewide events to raise the profile of their initiatives and included Ken Sayres, a seasoned program manager from University of Rochester, as a participant in the conversation.

DETAILED KEY POINTS:

Challenges in Snohomish County:

- Lori Fleming discussed the transition from a health district to a county health department in Snohomish County, highlighting the impact on contracts and grant management.
- A no-cost extension was granted for a core implementation grant until August 2024, despite challenges in fund utilization and strategic planning.
- Lori emphasized the importance of meaningful engagement before reconvening the coalition in Snohomish, noting past meetings lacked clear objectives.

Jefferson County Initiatives:

- Lori provided updates on the Behavioral Health Consortium in Jefferson County, noting its growth and potential for impactful community conversations.
- A recent tragic incident involving a newborn was mentioned as a critical catalyst for immediate community support, underlining the need for the planned conversations.

Community Engagement and Training Plans:

- Tedra and Lori discussed organizing community conversations and train-the-trainer sessions, focusing on Jefferson County with potential expansion to Clallam County.
- They considered logistical aspects of scheduling these events for June 2024, contingent on community readiness and contractual arrangements.

Logistical Planning for Upcoming Visits:

- The discussion covered planning for Tedra's visit to Washington, with emphasis on logistical coordination for potentially blocking off the June 10-14 and June 17-21, 2024 for Jefferson and Snohomish efforts. Details are to be finalized based on community readiness and contractual agreements.

Statewide Coalition Event Participation:

- Lori suggested leveraging a statewide coalition event led by the University of Washington to raise the profile of Tedra's work, offering a platform to showcase their initiatives across Washington State.

ACTION ITEMS

Tedra Participates in Behavioral Health Consortium (BHC) Meeting

- Lori will forward the invitation for the BHC zoom invite to Tedra and Ken Sayres. Tedra will introduce the planned community conversations and training initiatives, providing an overview and answering questions to engage consortium members and build momentum for the initiative
- Tedra will provide materials to be included in the 2/8 BHC Meeting packet to introduce the community conversations and training initiatives.

Coordination Meeting for June Visits

- A meeting after the 2/8 BHC meeting will be scheduled to finalize the details of Tedra's June visit, focusing on logistics and session planning.

Engagement with Central Washington Contacts

- Tedra will reconnect with contacts in Central Washington to finalize visit plans and potentially facilitate collaboration with Lori for joint planning.

Introduction of New Sheriff to Resources

- Tedra will connect Lori to Lt James Byrd, a Grays Harbor area resource.
- Lori will explore introducing the new sheriff in Snohomish County to resources and contacts that can support their transition and enhance community health and safety initiatives.