

**Resource Roundtable – Thinking & Planning Committee (TPC) Minutes/Agenda  
July 10<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am – 12:30pm**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Kristi Slette – Whatcom Family Community Network, Executive Director*  
*Neil McKay – Whatcom County Library System, Online Experience Coordinator*  
*Christine Perkins – Whatcom County Library System, Executive Director*  
*Lisa Sohni – Opportunity Council, Outreach and Development Manager*  
*Chris Orr – Whatcom Council on Aging, Executive Director*  
*Heidi Knickerbocker – Opportunity Council, Community Resource Specialist*  
*Jeff Judkins – Opportunity Council, Community Resource Center Coordinator*  
*Kristi Birkeland – United Way*  
*Patricia Boyce – United Way*  
*Dean Wight – Northwest Youth Services, Interim Executive Director*  
*Monica Burke – Arc of Whatcom County*  
*Yarrow Greer – Opportunity Council, Employment Programs Coordinator*  
*Blake O'Connor – DSHS, Work First Case Manager*  
*Jennifer Lewis – Bellingham Technical College, Student Financial Resources*  
*Bryli Blankenship – Opportunity Council, SEAS Navigator*

**AGENDA:**

**Connection Activity**

Hear from each member: what is your motivation for being part of the planning team and what do you hope to see happen?

*Chat from Dean Wight: link to CIE Summit: <https://ciesandiego.org/cie-summit-2020/>*

**How do TPC and CRN fit together?**

- Review mission and purpose of CRN

*Dean Wight: How do you maintain information in the tools and formats you have? How do we prioritize and fund a comprehensive tool that can function to meet the need of clients needing resources on a community-wide basis?*

*Sees CRN as the direct-to-consumer information exchange, this group as the higher-level group developing community-wide system/linkage to services*

*Blake O'Connor: Is there a way to make a public facing email list, to forward/share with clients? Is there a way to tailor a message publicly that could go out to the community for opportunities etc.? A way to share information to the broader public*

*Kristi Slette: CRN is open to making major changes from what it's been to what it could be*

*Lisa Sohni: I'd like to use this group to gather information to help restructure the CRN format*

**Introducing Heidi**

- Are there other positions in the community that are similar to Heidi's that she should be partnering with in some way?
- Are there other specialized databases?

*Chat from Bryli Blankenship: Dierdra and I in SEAS*

*Chat from Kristi Slette: Cynthia Rogers w/ WCLS. Stacy anticipates attending this convening*

*Chat from Neil McKay:*

*[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs\\_gUU1WpnqSy694NAnA5pBlyWnJQAf3E](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs_gUU1WpnqSy694NAnA5pBlyWnJQAf3E)*

*HELP at WCLS <https://www.wcls.org/help/>*

*Chat from Dean Wight: Jeremy Morton, at Whatcom County, working for the EMS Director, who is supporting the work both on ImageTrend (the County-wide EMS database), and Julota (the database being used by the GRACE Program and also soon the new LEAD program). His e-mail is [jmorton@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:jmorton@co.whatcom.wa.us).*

**Chat from Blake O'Connor:**

<https://dcs.esa.dshs.wa.lcl/teamsites/teams/AlternativeSolutions/Lists/Alternative%20Solutions%20Database/Whatcom.aspx>

DCS Alternative Solutions

**Chat from Chris Orr:** We send most seniors to Northwest Regional Council. They maintain a resource database. I believe Stacy Malone Miller is the main contact.

[malonsa@cshs.wa.gov](mailto:malonsa@cshs.wa.gov)

**Chat from Blake O'Connor:** DCS Alternative Solutions:

<https://dcs.esa.dshs.wa.lcl/teamsites/teams/AlternativeSolutions/SiteAssets/Website%20Assets/Home%20Page/Alternative%20Solutions%20Home%20Page.aspx>

DCS Alternative solutions can be updated with a DSHS form submitted by fax or mail

It sorts info based on county, then service type

**Chat from Kristi Slette:** Send out the list of EXISTING Databases with ASK to add and provide the contacts for who manages.

**Chat from Monica Burke:** We have a resource directory for Children with Special Needs and are currently doing an update. We also have a family tools team that meets monthly to prepare resources for families and providers which are posted at

[www.whatcomtakingaction.org](http://www.whatcomtakingaction.org). Feel free to reach out to me at [monicab@arcwhatcom.org](mailto:monicab@arcwhatcom.org)

**Chat From Blake O'Connor:** This is kind of a fun Database as well

<https://gis.dshs.wa.gov/apps/LocalPerspective/index.html?appid=23d0bf9d082e47668ee941205c548381>

**Who's missing from the conversation?**

- Local coalitions
- Other local efforts
- People with lived experience

**Chat from Neil McKay:** Are WWU and WCC represented?

**Current Developments**

- Partnership with WABC
- Current & future website
  - Who is the audience?
- Webpage – Resources During COVID

**Chat from Lisa Sohni:** <https://www.whatcomabc.org/quality-of-life/covid-19/>

- CRN Newsletter
  - send updates to [communityresources@oppco.org](mailto:communityresources@oppco.org)
  - CRN Landing Page: <https://www.whatcomabc.org/crn/>

**Chat from Kristi Slette:** In the spirit of progress not perfection, for the temporary, might we consider putting links to ALL existing database on that new CRN landing page? Just a thought.

- Community-wide Resource Training – not started

**Chat from Neil McKay:** Training for library staff is always welcome. As I said, our patrons come to the branches with all sorts of questions about how to access resources.

**Chat from Kristi Slette:** Coaches, Faculty, Teachers, New social service staff, medical providers, colleges

**Chat from Monica Burke:** We would definitely be interested in that at The Arc

- Future of CRN Meetings

**Community Database/211**

- United Way: Patty

**Chat from Kristi Slette:** Explore 211 Mutual Exchange Agreements  
Government representation on this group?

**Chat from Neil McKay:** especially county cities maybe

#### **Next Steps**

- Regularity & duration of meetings  
**Decision to meet monthly: second Friday of each month at 11 AM**
- Schedule next meeting
- Agenda Items
  - Set goals for the year

**Chat from Kristi Slette:** Goals for next steps

**Chat from Neil McKay:** timelines?

**Chat from Bryli Blankenship:** Creation of a rubric for what resources will be on this database?

**Chat from Kristi Slette:**

AGENDA ITEMS

Goals

Next Steps

Timelines

Rubric for what the Database Components would be

Community Leadership Engagement

211 Mutual Cooperation Agreement

**Chat from Lisa Sohni:**

Create a case statement to share with leadership

#### **Closing**

- What has excited/inspired you most about our conversation today?

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**