

October 2016 ED Report

- **Story:** Female - 16 year old, parent wanting to cut his tie with daughter. Refuses mediation without a lawyer present.
- **Decisions:**
 - Smoke Free Alaska: Resolution signed in January of 2014 (as best I can figure)
 - The issue of smoking on the property has come up a few times w/kids - looking at a few smoke free campus - kinds of signs.
 - Should we become an Employer of National Service?
 - What's required? Organizations will identify themselves as an Employer of National Service on their website, in job applications, or in another approved manner that demonstrates to alumni that your organization understands and actively recruits those who have completed a national service program.
- **Grants:**
 - Applying to local Walmart for \$2500 for additional security cameras
 - Working with other local BHAP recipients to come to agreement on a coordinated application.
- **Philosophical Changes:** *on how we view what we are doing.* Right now - we say - "we shelter youth" or "we provide shelter for youth or homeless youth." There is a growing contingent that is changing from using that rhetoric to "we are helping to solve youth homelessness or we are solving youth homelessness."
- **Future Housing Models:** Another item being discussed at the state level is specific solution to youth homelessness. Contrary to adult solutions - the youth solutions seem to be wide open. There is discussion of a housing first type model, supportive housing (like putting kids in apartments but providing regular case management as well as first and last month's rent, etc.) and every other combination you can imagine including host homes. Just encouraging you to keep an open mind into what our future holds.
- **Training:**
 - Just returned from an excellent Community Leadership Institute in Columbus, Ohio. NeighborWorks Alaska (<http://www.nwalaska.org/>) paid for all expenses.
 - <http://www.neighborworks.org/Working Together for Strong Communities®>
 - NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities.
 - James Menaker is training our entire staff on the Core Competencies. This training is occurring every other week throughout the winter, approximately 8 weeks total. This is a training with certification.
- **Property Updates**
 - Next Step wants to know if we have future projects for 2017 as well as if there is a way we want to bless the community. Who is in need? They have set aside for \$100.00 for supplies per household but all labor is free for a project. They will do this on behalf of FYA.
 - Time to reconnect with Dave Hayden??
- **Fundraising & funds:**
 - One Homeless Night & Mayor's March: \$15,102.75
 - Next official fundraiser is Memorial Day - Faith Walk. Consider putting it on your calendar now and committing to help with labor or participation. Email me.
 - Letters going out to the Native Corporations of which we have housed their shareholders
 - New Donors:
 - Boeing Match of \$500 for a total of \$1000
 - Pick, Click, Give: \$3301.50
- **Clearwater:**
 - New Counselor: I have not moved on this - position
 - Dave is took a ministry team to Jordan. They had a wonderful experience and met with missionaries, residents and refugees. They provided trauma counseling services to them!

- **Outreach Plan:**

- New:

- Transportation - I have been invited to speak to all the bus drivers at one of their quarterly meetings.
- Community presence: both Design Alaska and Karen Gaborik (Superintendent) included articles about us in their address to their constituents.

- **Follow up:**

- **Our Licensing Specialists: Deb Mucha, (State of Alaska, Dept of Health and Social Services, Division of Health Care Services, Community Care Licensing)**

- We were sighted for 10 deficiencies:
 - Not asking youth when their last physical was and who was the medical provider during intake,
 - Missing a fire drill in August,
 - Not having guardian permission to administer all kinds of meds to a youth, including over the counter and prescription,
 - Having expired charcoal in the first aid kit, and not having a flashlight in the other
 - Having poisonous plants on the property without a safety plan or permission to have them, (who knew potato and tomato PLANTS were poisonous)
 - Discharge paperwork is missing some components,
 - Discharge paperwork is missing a summary - pre-discharging,
 - Not listing restricted access, (we need to get both from guardians - who the child CAN see and who they CAN'T see)
 - Lacking short term, long term goals and a plan of care done in a timely manner for one of the files,
 - And finally, not having one of our employees connected to our organization on the State of Alaska background check site. The employee had cleared and been approved....we neglected to add them manually to our FYA roster on the background check system.

Shelter

Months:	2015 #of different kids	2016 #of different kids	2015 Bed nights	2016 Bed Nights
January	20	16	219	145
February	9	11	114	92
March	9	16	114	178
April	15	25	184	331
May	12	20	105	289
June	6	17	61	248
July	9	21	107	308
August	11	13	179	181
September		18		279