Thursday, November 10th, 2022
10:15am – 12:00pm
Zoom Call-in

Participants: Antonio Lindsay, Daeveene May (Pierce County), Vicky (CTN), Roz Novikova (Hopelink) Chris Andree (City of Tukwila), Cha Cha (KCPEC), Kahdijah (Skyway Community Van) Tracie Jones (Hopelink) Joy Scott (City of Auburn) Mackenzie Martin (PSE) Timothy Phung (City of Tukwila), Veronica Bean (City of Auburn), Jacque Mann (PSESD) Bebhinn Gilbert (Hopelink), Jonathan Prociv (CCS) GHodges (CCS), Christiana Williams (MV Transit) Alison,

Staff Support: Bree Boyce, Heather Clark, Sandy Phan

Soup for Souls
Participants: Meeting members shared introductions and favorite soups

Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements
Announcements:

- Vanpool requirements have been lowered to three people per ride
- WSDOT state buses and bus facilities grant opportunity
- KCMC action plan – next quarterly meeting
- Mobility and Education Outreach Updates

Partner Announcements

Mackenzie Martin: Gearing up in Q1 to introduce incentives for electric vehicles and charging stations, serving highly impacted communities. Will get more information out when those programs launch.
  - Bree – when will school districts incorporate electric vehicles? Mackenzie, district by district, dependent on resourcing. Federal and state incentive programs are available. We are still working out application questions. For us, school districts with more students who are on free and reduced lunches, for example, will be the ones we are focusing on

Daeveene – Outreach in Sumner about transportation beyond the borders. Next week we will be out in Buckley, working to get numbers back up to pre-Covid.

Bebhinn – KCMC has a meeting coming up next Tuesday. Agenda is almost exclusively dedicated to our action plan, a road map for our coalition. What projects should be focus on? How can we impact our community? Big and bold brainstorming session will be taking place. We want to reduce barriers and get people where we need to go, using a collaborative approach.

King County Play Equity Coalition:
Cha Cha Sawyer — King County Play Equity Coordinator
Sandy introduces Cha Cha Sawyer, the coordinator of King County Play Equity Coalition to share the relationship of youth’s physical activity and access to transportation.

Cha Cha presents

Research to Practice story – when Covid hit, that’s where the practice piece came in. From the report, there were a lot of findings. There are benefits in moving, resiliency and regulation can be a result of increased physical activity. Only 19% of youth meeting C’C’s recommended daily physical activity. Girls tend to be less active. Geographically, SKC is less active than other regions in King County. What are some barriers?

- Built environment
- Safety – geographic proximity doesn’t necessarily mean accessibility
- Financial
- Car ownership – 40% of POC and people with disabilities do not own a car

King County Play Equity Coalition (KCPE) is made up of nonprofits, for profits, school districts, individuals, etc intending to serve youth.

Given the known barriers for youth in engaging in physical activity, we wanted to address this problem. We want to reduce barriers, particularly for youth in historically underserved groups, to engaging in safe, physical activity. We are aiming to build a collective action network of cross-sector organizations as a key part of health and youth development.

We have an advocacy action team. Right now we are looking at recess policies. How much recess do we offer in schools? It is not standard across the state. We are also looking at facility use. Historic use is a problem (groups who have used a space previously are given priority). Shared Learning – gender differences and sports programming. Youth action team – we are empowering youth and encouraging them to share their POV. Looking at developing an outdoor recreation team.

What is one of the biggest barriers for accessing outdoor recreation? Transportation

Local parks make up the majority of what people consider when thinking about outdoor recreation. How can we close the gap? Transportation. Schools can play a part by being a central navigator.

Access solutions: local parks are well aligned to meet varied needs. Great starting point. Increasing the number of parks may help. Increasing transportation is more feasible however, given land use issues.

How can the transportation network help? Join the outdoor recreation action team. Share this information among your network.

Questions –

Chris – familiar with any effort to expand transit focus with publicizing to youth and general public?
Cha Cha – Trailhead Direct – expanding service to connect people with hiking destinations. What is in place?

How can we expand? We do not want to recreate the wheel, but we want to increase access. Something we are looking through – what do members know about and how can we help connect them with existing resources?

Bree – van donation programs, Community Van, Trailhead Direct are all great resources.

Community Van – someone can volunteer to be a driver, can drive up to 11-passenger vehicle vans and drive throughout King County, anywhere in a 2-hour radius and it can be all day.
Jonathan – our volunteer program, we try to remind our clients that we do provide transportation to recreational destinations.

Bebhinn – overlap that I am hearing, frequency of transit is one way we can address play equity. Proximity does not necessarily equate to a safe place to play. Thinking about destinations and possible connections (Via to Transit for some).

Chris – door-to-door transportation would be nice.

Bebhinn – yes, point-to-point programs could be helpful, on-demand services. Also, youth ride free

Christiana Williams – We teach youth with disabilities as young as age 14 to use public transit. We can help teach youth how to use transit. It’s free to the community. It’s available in King County. You need to take at least one, one-way trip per month to qualify.

Cha Cha – we just had one meeting and we want to continue meeting with community and coalition members. A lot of our members may not be aware of transportation services. Thank you for providing links in the chat. Once we get this work launched, we would like to do some follow-up.

Sandy – cross-collaboration is what we strive for. We can help connect you with other organizations and coalitions.

**Community Transportation Navigators Update**

*Sandy*

The Community Transportation Navigator’s program has reached over 1,500 community members since August! Through out the Navigators outreach, they have explored multiple different community hubs to share transportation resources and information. These outreach efforts include tabling sessions, presentations, and completing follow up calls to provide assistance in ORCA regional reduced programs.

Identified barriers: Technology, lack of information about New ORCA, extended wait times

Vicky, one of the CTN shares – “So many ways to do outreach and share the word about public transportation and programs. You really have to be in the community and understand families and the needs, so as we go out in the community, we have touched a lot of areas. Attending events, parks, faith-based organizations, libraries, are all good ways to make these connections. Outreach event at Auburn outlet mall in December (17\textsuperscript{th}/18\textsuperscript{th}). We will also start doing virtual events soon and will be connecting more with youth.”

Next Steps

- Continue learning opportunities
- Develop and update program manual and training
- Report and evaluation
- Expansion

Sandy asks the coalition, what else would the coalition like to see from the CTN program.

Heather shares – expansion to the eastside?

Sandy – our CTN’s do not have any geographical limitations. We have attended the Kirkland Health Fair, and we are continuing to work to grow.
Highlighting SKCMC Partnership
Sandy

Sandy invites the SKC partners to share any project progress that our partners may be working on

Kahdijah – no update about Loads of Love, a program for tiny home village in Skyway connecting them with laundry facilities. It was successful in September, had to pause in October. Still available, though. Doing outreach, finding more volunteer drivers. We have added two new drivers. We went to a Halloween event. Still trying to find a driver for a Thanksgiving event.

Heather – Provided an update about a pilot shuttle program on the eastside called Rides and Smiles, a service available

Bree – focusing on cross-county transportation, expanded services in Snoqualmie Valley, RARET update, transportation services during emergencies, particularly with our more vulnerable populations (ETPN). Wanting to get something up and running before snow hits this year. Signing Memorandums of Understanding. For example, connecting people with dialysis appointments during a snow event. Workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 30th and there is an opportunity to join.

Next Steps & Commitments, and Roundtable
Sandy – SKCMC Mobility Coordinator

• Last SKC Meeting of 2022!

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12th, 2022 from 10:30am-12:00pm (TBA)
Location: Zoom

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