

**Advancing Our Community**  
**Steering Committee**  
**April 10, 2008**  
**12:30 1:30**

**In attendance:** Curt Ledford, Sheldon Schmitt, David Voluck, Gordon Blue

**Agenda**

- Does AOC have a role in debriefing the homicides?
- AOC funding
- Commission on Health Needs and Community Services - city grants review process, other considerations about working with them

**Homicides:**

Tragedy in Sitka – teen killed 4 family members. Does AOC have a role in debriefing this incident?

After some discussion, the group concluded that there may be a need for systemic support and debriefing at an inter-agency level. There are questions about whether this could have been prevented, if the agencies that knew the teen did everything they could have – but in reviewing his file, his profile wasn't that different from many other cases. How to know?

There is also an element of how the agencies responded to the crisis call. SPD doesn't have a victims' services role anymore; they couldn't respond as quickly or efficiently as they did after the plane crash, e.g. Perhaps there could have been a crisis center set up with counselors on hand – but there was a void and uncertainty about where to send people that needed help.

The committee then discussed CID-COPS – a former interagency effort among schools, law enforcement, OCS, and behavioral health professionals to help children overcome exposure to violence and trauma. When this collaboration was running, the group would meet every two weeks or so, and they discussed specific kids/families that had raised concern. The committee expressed their interest in getting this roundtable back together and creating a forum for caring for individuals and families that appear to be demonstrating difficulties; better chance to connect about families that are in need, prevent extreme cases.

AOC will call an initial meeting to discuss this further. We really need OCS to be there, also Gordon, Bill Sallenbach, Sheldon, David, Keet and Baranof principals, Shannon Boussom, Chris Baumann, Steve Bradshaw. Need to talk to Steve to have him require or strongly encourage counselors and other key school people to participate

**City Grants**

Grant applications are available and online – deadline May 7

**AOC Funding**

Budget has been \$75,000 – some for AOC facilitators, other for various community schools activities. Curt is not applying for community prevention grant – he's feeling stretched, and we're not doing what's been asked of the drug prevention grant.

Could also appeal to state department – everything they do requires collaborative efforts that we demonstrate here.

Should AOC become a non-profit? No – it's good to be comprised of a number of entities rather than creating another separate entity. As soon as it's a separate entity, then all the effort goes into sustaining that entity.

The committee decides that one AOC agency (YAS or Community Schools?) will submit an application for a \$20,000 city grant to partially fund AOC, then ask active member agencies to each pitch in, like a fee for an organization that they belong to.