

**Youth Violence and Gangs  
Steering Committee Meeting  
8-7-2007**

The steering Committee was organized to plan the regular planning meeting that is scheduled for Monday evening 8-13-07 at 7PM. Mayor Crystal Hill attended representing the City of Gold Bar, Deborah Knight for the City of Sultan, Dan Chaplik from the Sultan School District, Michele Rastovich from Snohomish County Community Mobilization, Chris Jury from the Snohomish County Health and Safety Network Youth Advisory Council, Kathy rice from the Volunteers of America Dispute Resolution Center, Dave Wood from Sky Valley Community Resource Center and Heidi and Bill Krips from Point Man Ministries.

The committee felt we had to organize into several areas.

\*First we need to define the problem that relate to youth violence and gang activities in our area. Part of this will be gathering and analyzing data about local youth issues in the greater Sultan/ Gold Bar areas.

\*Next we need to identify the stakeholders.

\*We need to identify the resources available to deal with the issues.

The steering committee began building a list in each area. We will present these lists to the whole committee on the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> – and the floor will be open for additions, corrections from the larger group. We also recognize we need to bring other stakeholders to the table such as a larger representation of the faith community, members of the medical community, members of the treatment community, the juvenile justice system, the chamber and business owners as well as youth.

The meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be to help outline the above and then hopefully map a plan for our next actions. This may involve moving into sub committees and areas of interests.

Some data is being gathered and will be interpreted by members of the steering committee. This might include data from the Health Youth Survey, data from the Superintendent of Public Instructions, as well as law enforcement data on juvenile activities and crime.