

# Skagit County Child & Family Consortium

## Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2007

9:00am – 10:30am

- **Welcome & Introductions:**

- Lyndie Case called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.
- Lyndie suggested that this meeting begin at 9:15 in the future to allow for transition from the School Violence Prevention Workgroup meeting. Moved, seconded, and passed.

- **Logo Design - Lyndie Case**

- Lyndie shared logos designed by a SWHS graduate who is now a professional graphics designer in California. A proof copy was routed through the group so votes could be noted for tally.
- Lyndie will also scan the document and e-mail to the distribution list so a choice can be made and unveiled at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat.

- **Consortium Strategic Planning Retreat - Lyndie Case**

- The one day full retreat will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> as planned at NWESD 189 in Anacortes. This will be a long day but the intent is to walk out with a definite understanding of gaps that need to be filled. The technical assistant and community consultant for the SS/HS ESD grant will be working with us and facilitating the day. They were given information from the survey and have identified three key areas to address. There will be breakout groups to work the issues and define community needs.
- The three areas of focus include Connecting Communities and Schools, Mental Health Issues, and Pro-social Opportunities for Youth. Everyone will be able to self select a group and more information regarding this will follow.
- Please bring local information from your job, agency or point of view to share with others.

- **Program Updates:**

- **Headstart** – actively recruiting for next year and busy transitioning to first grade.
- **Youthnet/Emerson High School/ Skagit Teen Resources** – Janice Condrin - very busy planning for summer school. Starts June 25, 2007 and runs for six weeks. It is a tuition based credit retrieval program that offers a flexible schedule so students can work. Forty-nine students will be participating in the annual tree planting community service project.
- **Skagit County Human Services – Jennifer Fix** – The six year plan for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention is complete. State and County statistics of identified top risk factors and needs for healthy youth are available and if on next month's agenda she will be happy to share the information. They are looking for ways to connect adults with youth because there is a huge need but little funding.
- **Northwest ESD 189 – Dave Ahrenholz** – events at Virginia Tech reflect the need of two projects in Skagit County; Safety Assessments and the School Helpline. Local school districts have decided to go to the national tip line offered by the Risk Management Pool because it is offered at no cost. The focus now for the helpline is to help the school districts get the new line up and running and continue the theme of "Breaking the Code of Silence". Dave will be on the agenda next month to update the group.
- **Skagit Co. Health Department** – Have asked for one-hundred million in funding and may get twenty. The nurse family partnership program is serving about fifty families.

- **Skagit County Youth & Family Services – Nancy Brown** – YFS works with Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) and others as a follow-up to the two day gang summit to outline goals for helping the community with gang violence concerns. There have been recent shootings and feuding between gangs and the MVPD works hard to be actively involved in the community and needs neighborhood support to confront adult gang members. Nancy is a member of both the Regional and State Advisory Committees for the Division of Children and Family Services. If you have concerns contact Nancy and she can take those issues to the appropriate committee.
- **Skagit County Youth & Family Services – Bob Hicks** expect RFP for the new RTL application any day now. We may want to separate the funding for the Drop-Out Program. The RTL proposal consists of the ARIS component and a mentoring component. In the past YFS had mentors but that program was discontinued with the Youth and Family Advocates in place through the SS/HS grant. There is also a half-time truancy position that is a full-time position that is fifty percent paid through the State and a last component that is the new position filled by Victor Rodriguez working as an Advocate with Latino families and the Gang Summit Taskforce. We are in the data gathering phase and Dr. Wendy Rowe will be producing reports from our data. Three focus groups are planned for the end of the month and Bob will bring that information back to this group.
- **YMCA– Karen Rose** – The May 11, 2007 community business leader’s lunch will have William Gates, Sr. as the keynote speaker. A reminder that camp registration for first through sixth graders will be open April 21, 2007. It will be first come first serve at the building next to the YMCA and Mount Erie School in Anacortes.
- **Poster Campaign - Lyndie Case** – posters were offered for the Statewide Sunflower Campaign April 20, 2007 – May 1, 2007. Posters should be displayed during those dates.
- **Next Meeting:**
  - **May 16, 2007 – 9:15am - 10:15am**