

# Skagit County Child & Family Consortium

## Meeting Minute Notes

November 28, 2007

9:15 am – 10:30am

- **Welcome & Introductions:**

- Lyndie Case called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda items and introductions were made around the table.

- **SCCFC Coordinator:**

- Election Bob Hicks nominated, elected Chairman; Linda Nelson nominated, elected co-chair; Secretary/Recorder, there were no nominations, Leslie Carty has agreed to take notes during the interim until someone is selected for next year
- Updates from Coordinator Lisa Jacobsen is checking into 501C3 status. She is asking for help. **She needs a workgroup to form that will look at SCCFC structure.** She will have lots of suggestions on the materials that are needed for the 501C3 process. The workgroup needs to sift through this information and bring suggestions back to the larger group for a vote. Her timeline for this process is year or so. Some things this workgroup will be working on are SCCFC bylaws and a 2 year budget. King Co Bar has a template that can be filled out to file for non-profit status.

**She hopes to have people volunteer for this workgroup at the December mtg.**

- Connecting Schools and Communities update Bob Hicks stated Eric Chambers from the NWESD 189 had not gotten back to him regarding drop out grant. This grant funds a single district \$125,000 or if there is a collaboration of 3 Districts \$175,000. These schools also need collaboration efforts with ESD's, Workforce Development Council's (WDC) and one other organization (SCCFC works). Brian Humphrey with WDC stated, Eric Chambers sent information to all districts saying NWESD 189 is not applying but would support districts that do. The grant application is due 12/10/07 so there is a need to move quickly. Brian and Bob will work on e-mail to all districts
- Mental Health Services update No update
- Prosocial Opportunities and Rewards for Youth Updates Linda Nelson stated they are working on a "Yellow page" type of information book for youth. It was stated that Law Enforcement would like a business size informational card with basic referral contacts to give out to teens they see daily. There was an informal survey done in Anacortes 9-12 grade teens with about 250 teens participating. One of the questions was "What adults don't know." Bob Hicks has the results of this survey.
- Family Policy Council/Health & Safety Linda Nelson states there is seed money to start a Health and Safety Network in Skagit County. She is looking at what the process would be to get SCCFC in the statewide Health and Safety network. The inquiry is still moving forward and she will keep group informed. Nancy Brown has talked to Laura Porter, Director of the Family Policy Network, and mentioned it would be good to have someone Family Policy Meeting come to a SCCFC meeting to explain about the Health and Safety Network.

- **Program Updates:**

- Bob Hicks talked about how Readiness To Learn touches all seven school districts. It supports the Y summer day camp and Boys & Girl's club. It also continues to fund family listening and bilateral tutoring.
- Linda Nelson will bring the Safe Schools/Healthy Students report card to the next SCCFC meeting. This report card was distributed at the partner conference. SS/HS has received a 4<sup>th</sup> year no cost extension and is now funded until end of school year 2009.
- Family-to-Family no report.
- Community Juvenile Justice Coalition (CJJC) should be standing item on agenda. This is the grant the coordinator, Lisa, is funded out of.
- Work Development Council (WDC), Brian Humphreys states they are working on trying to put together annual activity calendar for the youth to promote throughout year. On Monday 12/3 & Tuesday 12/4 from 1-3:30 there is a staff training on how/what to get youth involved in technical services. In Whatcom on Monday 12/3 from 8-10:30 and in Skagit on Tuesday 12/4 from 8-10:30 there is a New MTV program training. Lou Tice on January 28-30 which has been updated to appeal to youth.
- Skagit Teen Resources, Janice Condrin stated had a formal presentation by Armando Ruiz, MVHS, regarding the Migrant Student Leadership Conferences and Migrant students help with graduation.

- **Roundtable Updates:**

- **Emerson HS/Youthnet** – Kim Sager/Janice Condrin are currently Co-Directors. They provide education, foster care, contract services for ILS, and Family Mediation / Preservation. Emerson will be doing gift wrap at the Burlington outlet mall. Kim Sager is working on a contract 1/1/08 for a liaison to foster care. They will offer Transitional Living Units for 5 kids who are going from foster care to independence (18 to 21).
- **Skagit County Youth & Family Services** - Bob Hicks spoke about Dr. Partida. Dr. Partida has returned and met with many organizations and schools in Skagit County. He continues to be a partner to help us move down the road to address gang issues. He will be returning Dec 13 & 14, but is booked. It was suggested we should try to get him to speak to SCCFC, maybe in January. He is a good resource for staff regarding cultural specific issues. He speaks the truth to parents and shows them how to advocate for children and how to talk to a child's school.
- **Skagit Valley Boys & Girls Club** is continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> steps and Special Education in LaConner. There is a higher dropout rate in special education with lots of opportunities.
- Sedro-Woolley has Early Childhood Development Grant @ SW Library plus Kennewick Ready for Kindergarten outreach to parents of preschoolers. They are trying to house programs in school buildings and SW library plus they are trying to get kindergarten teachers involved. Welcome baby and toddler groups are continuing.

- **Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, December 19, 2007 – 9:15am - 10:30 am**