

Skagit County Child & Family Consortium

Meeting Minute Notes

January 16, 2008

9:15 am – 10:30am

- **Welcome & Introductions:**

- Bob Hicks called the meeting to order reviewed the agenda items and introductions were made around the table.

- **SCCFC Coordinator:**

- Updates from Coordinator Lisa Jacobsen, the 501C3 process has been put on hold while the possibility is pursued of having SCCFC established as the Skagit County Health and Safety Network by the Family Policy Council and the state legislature.
- Connecting Schools and Communities update Bob Hicks & Karen Rose, there was a discussion of the Building Bridges Grant. Two districts applied for this grant, Mount Vernon & La Conner. Future reports will follow up on the outcome of these applications.
- Mental Health Services update - Linda Nelson, mental health workers assigned to schools starting with Mount Vernon. Burlington Mental Health Workers are in the near future with long-term planned expansion to all districts.
- Pro-social Opportunities and Rewards for Youth Updates- Lyndie Case, the workgroup has established a core group to help develop the Youth Leadership Board. They are in search of key partners to organize the first steps of establishment of this board. We may be collaborating with Oasis on this as they have an AmeriCorps worker that can help with this coordination. This board should include foster kids.
- Family Policy Council/Health & Safety Network - Linda Nelson, Bob Hicks, & Lisa Jacobsen are looking at the restart of the Health & Safety Network in Skagit through Family Policy Council. They will be at Olympia on Monday 1.18.08 for discussions with legislators and again on Thursday 1/21/08 for the Family Policy Council meeting to discuss our application. Seats still available. E-Mails will be sent for updates.

- **Program Updates:**

- Bob Hicks RTL funds A.R.I.S. Intervention Specialists also continues to fund family literacy and bilateral tutoring as well as bringing back Dr. Jorge Partida (focuses on gang issues)
- Linda Nelson SS/HS passed out 2005-2007 Skagit County Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative report cards
- Family-to-Family gearing towards being more community based. Working on resourcing families. Placing foster kids from one family to with in. Building group and self assessment strategies. Discussion with public defender Jacob D. on parent child visitation.
- Gang Crime Prevention- Bob Hicks Dr. Parida will be back Thursday 1.24.2008 and Friday 1.25.08. Coming up 2nd annual gang violence prevention community summit 3/27/08.

- **Roundtable Updates:**

- Representative for Senator Murray will meet with the Children's Council in February for kids with special needs.
- Children Counsel would like to be more involved with violence and gang prevention.
- Nancy- Bi-lingual Therapist still needed for Functional Family Therapy BA + Experience, MA preferred – contact Nancy Brown.
- Ken- West View neighborhood to replicate Kulshan Creek Station- will coordinate services and representatives from different agencies to work with kids and families.
- Will discuss at next meeting Town Hall meetings on under age drinking.

- **Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, February 20, 2008 – 9:15am - 10:30 am**