

# Skagit County Child & Family Consortium

## Meeting Minute Notes

February 20, 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.
- ◆ Karen Rose moved to accept January's meeting notes and Janice Condrin seconded.

### Business Updates:

- ◆ Updates from Coordinator Lisa Jacobsen was at the Family Policy Council Day in Olympia. She is working on the Health and Safety Network in Skagit along with the 501C3 workgroup. She is 14 hours per week.
- ◆ Connecting Schools and Communities update Bob Hicks & Karen Rose, Building Bridges Grant was awarded to Mount Vernon School District. This workgroup is refocusing and switching gears as its initial task was to support the development of Building Bridges applications/ programming. We discussed looking into a strategy out of Mt. Tahoma (in Tacoma/Lakewood area) that focuses on drop-out prevention with great retention rate due to in-school suspension programs.
- ◆ Mental Health Services update - Linda Nelson, this group has not met although they have had discussions about what outcomes they would like to achieve.
- ◆ Pro-social Opportunities and Rewards for Youth Updates- Lyndie Case, the workgroup has established a core group to help develop the Youth Leadership Board. The youth leadership Board group is still on target for having a Youth Board retreat for June or July of 08. They have received help from Oasis Teen shelter's new AmeriCorps member, Amber Wilson for this start up process.
- ◆ Business Workgroup – Linda Nelson suggested we look at another Strategic Planning Retreat the end of this year.
- ◆ Family Policy Council/Health & Safety Network - Linda Nelson, Bob Hicks, & Lisa Jacobsen We received support from our Legislators for the restart of the Health and Safety Network in Skagit County. Quall & Morris put in a budget proviso for the next fiscal year of \$64,000 and Stevens set us up with a bill for \$49,900 for these restart efforts. Bob Hicks, Linda Nelson and Carol Hawk testified in front of the Legislative Hearing as part of the bill procedures. We are looking at having 10-20 thousand for restart efforts before July 1, 2008. Veronica suggested we get a meeting together in two weeks to discuss the Family Policy Council. It was also suggested that Laura Porter from the Family Policy Council come to discuss the requirements then we (SCCFC) will continue to work though how the money will be spent for these restart efforts.

### Tobacco Program:

- ◆ Carol Hawk asked if SCCFC could be the advisory group for the Tobacco program through United General Hospital (UGH). SCCFC would need to provide feedback on their work plan and be their connection to the community. Discussion ensued as to the criteria for groups and how SCFC logistically serve as advisory groups. Karen Rose motioned that SCCFC become the advisory group for the Tobacco grant through UGH, Janice Condrin seconded. Approved unanimously.

## **Resource Guide was tabled to next month**

### **Program Updates:**

- ◆ Bob Hicks RTL staff change
- ◆ Linda Nelson SS/HS 3<sup>rd</sup> year and they anticipate the 4<sup>th</sup> year no coast extension and they are working on sustainability
- ◆ Family-to-Family built strategy groups – Safe Child Team Meeting (SCTM). Peer reviews just happened and they had an almost perfect score. Veronica is moving to region 5 her last day is February 29, 2008. Crystal or Annie will represent Children's Administration and Family to Family @ SCCFC meetings until the position is filled.
- ◆ Gang Crime Prevention- Summit dates are coming out. Rick Larson wants to meet with SCCFC regarding gang violence prevention.

### **Roundtable Updates:**

- ◆ Connecting Community Events (Town Hall Meetings) are happening:
  - March 26, 2008 @ Burlington High School 5:30-7:30 pm with Cathy Gangstead
  - March 27, 2008 @ Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley 5:30-7:30 pm with Cathy Gangstead
  - March 28, 2008 @ Burlington Public Library 5:30-7:30 with Dr. Jorge Partida - Spanish
- ◆ Janice Condrin handed out the Guiding Teens Series Flyers
- ◆ Boys and Girls Club is doing a Suicide Prevention Workshop April 9, 2008 @ 11:00 am @ the Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club
- ◆ Rotary is having a Pancake Feed with proceeds going to Oasis Teen Shelter Friday March 8, 2008 @ YMCA
- ◆ Week of March 11<sup>th</sup> is the Human Rights Festival
- ◆ La Conner Prevention March is Today, Wednesday February 20, 2008 @ 1:00 PM.

### **Next Meeting:**

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 – 9:15am - 10:30 am**