

Skagit County Child & Family Consortium

Meeting Minute Notes

April 16, 2008

9:15 am – 10:30am

In Attendance: Allison Beima – UGH, Andy Wheeler – NWESD 189, Bob Hicks – Y&FS, Brian Humphrey – Workforce Dev Council, Carol Hawk – UGH, Colleen Bowls – Y&FS, Janice Condrin – Youthnet/Emerson HS, Jean Champagne – MVSD, Jennifer Sass-Walton – Skagit Co Health Dept, Karen Rose – YMCA, Ken Van Liew – Y&FS, Laurel Browning – BESD, Linda Nelson – NWESD 189, Lisa Jacobsen – Coordinator, Lyndie Case – UGH, Nancy Brown – Y&FS, Stefanie Boyer – SVC, Wayne Robertson – Conway, Wenda Cross – Head Start.

Welcome & Introductions:

- ❖ Bob Hicks called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda items and introductions were made around the table.
- ❖ March's meeting notes were approved with the note that we add "in attendance" and the H&SN funding of \$49,000 was cut from the final state budget by the governor.

Family Policy Council Update: Governor Gregoire pulled the \$49,000.00 for the SCCFC Health and Safety Network start up costs from the 2008-2009 legislative budget. Family Policy Council may have some 2008-2009 start up monies. They will take the Skagit budget within their own budget and they will be the entity that will ask for money for our network in 2009-2011 legislation. Please note that this will delay the possibility of SCCFC becoming a full-fledged Health and Safety Network until 09-11 at the soonest.

We still have the opportunity for \$10,000 for now until June 2008 with the possibility of more money after July 1, 2008. The small group that worked on what to do with the \$10,000 came up with a proposal. That proposal was e-mailed to SCCFC members with the only questions from members related to the role of the coordinator. That proposal included another 5 hours per month for the coordinator position. Carol Hawk will bring the proposal for the \$10,000 and Youth Leadership Board activities to the next meeting.

Once we know what the amount of funding we have for 2008 - 2009 we can work on the Statement of Work. Coordinator will work on the by-laws, articles of incorporation and statement of work for next year from now until July 1, 2008.

There was a vote to increase coordinators position by 5 hours per week (to keep the workgroup's proposal) until 7/1/08 and to have \$2,000.00 go towards the Youth Leadership Board Retreat. Both were approved.

Business Updates:

- ❖ Coordinator – Lisa Jacobsen None
- ❖ Mental Health Services – Linda Nelson & National Children Mental Health Awareness day is May 8th and this might be a good day to focus next year to feature Mental Health programs and identify gaps and/or programs. On May 13 Linda Nelson, Wenda Cross and Colleen Bowls will attend the State Mental Health policy meeting. Others are welcome to join them.
- ❖ Pro-social Opportunities and Rewards for Youth – Lisa Jacobsen clarified that the Youth Leadership Board (YLB) was not originally a part of SCCFC as she thought. There was a discussion regarding what the purpose of the YLB being to give youth a voice, be connected, and organize prevention events. There was a request for SCCFC to be the umbrella consortium for the Youth Leadership Board. The intent of this would be 1) to provide money support, 2)

provide staff support and 3) give feedback regarding proposed youth events. The benefit of this is connection to youth and having the youth voice at SCCFC. The issue of Youth representatives attending this meeting was discussed. School staff had concerns regarding youth being out of school for this meeting. It was proposed that we look at alternative means of obtaining youth input. Linda Nelson suggested we table the issue of whether or not SCCFC would take on the role of the umbrella entity for the Youth Leadership Board until next meeting.

- ❖ Connecting Schools and Communities – Bob Hicks Mount Vernon was granted the Building Bridges grant for drop out prevention.
- ❖ Business Workgroup – Lisa Jacobsen proposed the workgroup stay after and come up with another time to meet as we need to start working on the by-laws, articles of incorporation and other documents.

Program Updates:

- ❖ RTL – None
- ❖ SS/HS – Linda Nelson Finishing up 3rd year and looking at a no cost extension for PI's and Early Childhood Staff.
- ❖ Family to Family – None
- ❖ Tobacco – Allison Beima talked about training for professionals regarding Tobacco Prevention this Friday in Whatcom County. She is also taking part in the efforts to gain youth participation on the Youth Leadership Board and has applications and talking points for recruiting youth.
- ❖ Gang Crime Prevention – Bob Hicks – the Summit took place on 3/28/08 with good attendance. 6 strategic focus groups came out of this summit. One of these groups is a pro social activities group which is meeting Friday 4/18/08 @ 11:30 am @ Common Ground.
- ❖ CJJC – The Gang Violence Prevention Summit had a primary focus of juvenile justice due to the increase in gang criminal activities.
- ❖ Ken Van Liew stated low risk youth advocates came to a coordination of services event put on by Youth & family Services (judges, public defenders, probation, officers, youth and parents). This meeting will be held every 2 months. Youth recovery court has moved on and now has youth involved in that court process.
- ❖ Carol Hawk - VIPP (Very Important Prevention Person) event will be 4/24/08. Family Resource Center – Sophia Beltran is the new coordinator for the Burlington Community Family Center soon to be located in the Westview area. She is planning resources and events.
- ❖ Lyndie Case - Underage Drinking Prevention they will be surveying the first week on May in the Burlington Community.
- ❖ Jennifer Walton @ the Health Department stated they are still in need on 1st time mom's under 28 weeks of pregnancy for the Nurse Family Partnership program.
- ❖ Linda Nelson will be attending the National Communities in School Conference in Portland.
- ❖ Youthnet is having 2 fundraising events – one at Lincoln Theater on 5/1/08 with 2 bands and the other 5/30/08 from 5-8pm with art, jazz, fine food and wine.
- ❖ Stefanie Boyer from Skagit Valley College is the new Gear-Up Coordinator and they are working with school districts with middle and high school students to encourage post-secondary school attendance. They may be getting funding for a new project in the near future.

Next Meeting:

- ❖ **Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 9:15 - 10:30 am @ 601 S 1st St in Mount Vernon**