



SKAGIT COUNTY CHILD AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM

Meeting Minute Notes

June 18, 2008

9:15 am – 10:30am

In Attendance

Amber Wilson – YMCA/Oasis Teen Shelter, Bob Hicks – YFS, Carol Hawk – United General Hospital, Dave Ahrenholtz – Northwest ESD, Dianne Crawford – NCHC/BGCSC, Janice Condrin – Youthnet / Emerson HS, Jonna Zieber – CCS, Karen Rose – YMCA, Ken Van Liew – YFS, Linda Nelson – Northwest ESD, Lisa Jacobsen – Skagit County Human Services / SCCFC Coordinator, Lisa Mitchell - United General Hospital Intern, Lyndie Case – United General Hospital, Wayne Robertson – Conway School District, Wenda Cross – Skagit/Island County Head Start.

Welcome & Introductions

Bob Hicks welcomed everyone to the meeting and we did a go around of introductions. Lisa Mitchell agreed to take meeting minutes.

Minutes

Karen Rose motioned to have the May 2008 meeting minutes approved and Wenda Cross seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Roundtable

Dave (Northwest ESD) – Relational Aggression Workshop focusing on young women is the 23rd and 24th of June. Free to all Skagit participants through Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.

Amber (Oasis) – The Youth Leadership Board “Change Team” is in full swing and interviews today for another coordinator to help Amber with the activities. The retreat is Monday, June 23 through Tuesday, June 25 @ Camp Brotherhood. They will schedule the 1st business meeting @ the retreat.

Karen (YMCA) – Summer Camps are full. Early Learning sights have no decrease in attendance as per previous years. Skagit Early Learning Thrive by 5 has a possibility of partnering in Anacortes and Sedro Woolley. They also applied for a grant through Foundation of Early Learning to fund a coordinator.

Lyndie (SPF-SIG) – UGH is partnering with Skagit Prevention Council and Skagit County Human Services to contract with Jennifer Fix to coordinate the Strengthening Families programming throughout Skagit County next year at 8 hours per week. We are looking for one additional partner to help in this endeavor. Burlington Healthy Community Coalition will be walking in the Berry Days Parade on Saturday if anyone one wants to join them please contact Lyndie.

Carol (UGH) – It is Budget spend down time. CTED is working on all organizations spending down their funds by June 30, 2008. CTED also applied for \$10,000 to reinstate our Meth Action Team in Skagit County. She is also looking at doing a Prevention Summit with in the

next two years with the Youth Leadership Board. Tobacco & HIDTA was instrumental in recruiting 49 youth to be on the Youth Leadership Board. Sophia Beltran with HIDTA is working on a survey in the Westview area and will be having a Block Party.

Lisa (UGH) – Working on taking notes ☺

Wayne (Conway Schools) – Laurel Browning is the new superintendent as of July 1, 2008. School is out!

Wenda (Head Start) – Head Start is year round and they are working on planning for next year.

Janice (Emerson/Teen Resource Meeting) – Teen Resource Meeting has developed a task work force to look at Transitional Housing for 18-25 year olds who have mental health or disabilities. This housing will be for their entire family. Emerson is out for the year. They have a summer credit retrieval program that any student can enroll in. This is a 6 week program with subsidizing tuition and is a contract or lab basis for instruction. If you are working with youth that need credit retrieval have them look into Emerson as all school do not have a summer program. They also have WASL classes as the retake is next August. Youthnet will have a Women's Golf event on August 5th and Caring Breakfast. Please be on the lookout for this save the date.

Jonna (CCS) – They have a 12 month program and the question raised is how to get kids to the school to work with the therapist. CHAP has two openings with three more next September. CHAP is funded by both MH and Children Administration and in order to receive CHAP services Children's Administration is requiring an intensive report that is not happening right now with the changes in staff. Please continue to refer to this program. There have been lots of requests for psychiatric evaluations and the Belling psych is coming down so there are limited services. She has been charged by CCS to look into connecting youth who are transitioning to adult housing. Through her work with CCS she has seen 1/3 of kids have mental health abuse, 1/3 trauma counseling and 1/3 chronic mentally ill. Families are getting referred and there is a lack of housing for the severely mentally ill. They need to get stable housing with onsite services. There is a lack of resources to implement this type of programming. She is adding an additional focus on housing and she is working on learning. She has also seen a problem with these kids falling into gangs and are willing to do "things" for gangs.

Dianne (NCHC/BGCSC) – BGCSC is working on summer camps. NCHC has spent all their CTED funds. They are raising funds and selling baseball tickets for \$22.00. Name is spelled wrong on one side of her table name tent ☺

Bob (Youth and Family Services) – OJJDP Gang Violence Prevention Grant submitted to hire a coordinator for all the gang prevention/intervention related activities happening in Skagit County. La Conner School District, Swinomish Tribal Community and Skagit County Youth and Family have submitted a grant application to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee for the tall Cedars program. Tall Cedars, if funded, will be a culturally based truancy prevention program for Swinomish youth. There are 6 finalists and 3 funded program so they have a 50/50 chance.

Linda (Northwest ESD) – Writing a Latino Mentoring Grant with Rose Ann Renteria from AED for Skagit County for Burlington and Mount Vernon. The proposed program will provide school-based mentoring for Latino youth aimed at gang prevention. La Conner is looking at the 21st Century Grant with Boys & Girls Club. They will bring people in from the community to do projects in the Middle School regarding academic enrichment. SCCFC will be looking at a Strategic planning retreat where we revisit our activities. We will look at our shared vision. We will also be electing officers at this retreat. We are looking into dates.

SCCFC Business

Fiscal, Carol Hawk reported that expenditures for the current FY will reach \$10,000 from FPC by June 30, 2008. She will bring the final report for FPC to the next meeting. She also contracted out to have professional letter head and envelopes. She passed around examples for the Board to choose from. One selection was chosen and will go to print if we have any finds left this year.

Executive Board, Bob Hicks discussed that the previous 501C3 group was now functioning as the Executive Committee as voted on at the May 2008 meeting. We are working on the structure of SCCFC. We almost have the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws completed and should have the drafts to vote on as action items at our next meeting.

Coordinator, Lisa Jacobsen discussed the 501C3 process we are working on and that we are going to contract with Joe Bowen, lawyer, as the registered agent for SCCFC. She is working on the Statement of Work and Budget for 08/09 biennium from FPC and will have both as action items to vote on at our next meeting. We should have our 501C3 status by the beginning of 2009. We will be asking for \$20,000 from FPC in our 08/09 budget.

Family Policy Council/Health and Safety Network - Conference, Linda Nelson discussed Senator Hargrove's (he has been a supporter and champion of the Networks from the beginning) Keynote speech and how everyone was particularly taken aback with Skagit County's deletion from the Governors budget. He went to talk with the Governor and thinks the \$49,000 being taken out of the budget is partly due to her staff, not her, but that he needs data to present to support the inclusion of another Network. We found out the SCCFC is an unfunded network and are a quasi-governmental agency so we can apply for grants as long as we have a fiscal agent. We will continue to seek 501C3 status to use in the future if needed. FPC created a coalition for community networks with an Executive Director. She stressed the importance of keeping in touch with our legislators for the Family Policy Council budget to be accepted and SCCFC is included in their budget. We will know mid November when Legislative session starts back up if FPC is included in the governors budget.

Action Items

July/August Meeting, There was a discussion about the whether to have or not have a July or August Meeting. Lyndie Case motioned we do not meet July 2008 and reconvene in August 2008. Karen Rose seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous vote by the board.

Program Updates *(From now on we will have one program update per meeting)*

Gang Crime Prevention, Bob Hicks discussed there are four possible grants in progress of being written for gang violence prevention in Skagit County. There have been 3 shootings in Skagit County recently with a great and concerning increase in gang-related violence. The summit created 6 workgroups, one for each strategic activity, to help tackle this issue. One group is looking at pro-social activities and will be surveying children to see interests in activities. Law Enforcement is looking at doing a pilot study looking at the % of cases in Mount Vernon related to gangs. The four grants are as follows: 1) for a coordinator of all the activities surrounding the gang violence prevention activities, 2) addressing as it makes kids more vulnerable to gangs, 3) Latino specific mentorship grant for kids susceptible to gangs, & 4) Building Community infrastructure and connecting families with schools to work cooperatively gang crime prevention specific activities.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 from 9:15 - 10:30 am @ 601 S 1st St in Mount Vernon