



SKAGIT COUNTY CHILD AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM

Meeting Minute Notes

September 17, 2008

9:15 am – 10:30am

In Attendance

Benjamin Jojola - *Samish Indian Nation*
Bob Hicks - *Youth & Family Services*
Brian Humpyrey - *Workforce Development Council*
Carol Hawk - *United General Hospital*
Chris Tobey - *Y&FS*
Colleen Bowls - *Y&FS*
Dave Arenholtz - *Northwest ESD*
Dennis Lind - *Skagit County Parks & Rec.*
Dianne Crawford - *NCHC, SPC & BGCSC*
Janice Condrin - *Youthnet, Region 1 WALA and Skagit County Teen Resource Committee*
Jean Champagne - *MVSD*
Jennifer Angelis - *SWSD*
John Lum - *Y&FS*
Jonna Zieber - *Catholic Community Services*
Karen Rose - *YMCA and Skagit County Children's Council*
Ken Van Liew - *Y&FS*
Kim Grams - *BGCSC*
Linda Nelson - *Northwest ESD*
Lisa Jacobsen - *SCCFC Coordinator / Skagit County Human Services*
Lyndie Case - *United General Hospital*
Nancy Brown - *Y&FS*
Wayne Robertson - *Conway School District / Superintendents Liaison*
Wenda Cross - *Skagit/Island Head Start*

Welcome & Introductions

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

Minutes

Janice Condrin motioned to have the August 2008 meeting minutes approved and Jonna Zieber seconded. Motion was unanimously approved with one change to Jean Champaign's update.

Roundtable

Jean (MVSD) - The district had an increase of 149 students this year. Transition Center is being rebuilt. The transition center serves 18-21 year olds with special needs. They are currently in a temporary location.

Ken (Y&FS) - They have a new Administrator-John Lum. Youth Recovery Court has a new Drug and alcohol counselor from Skagit Recovery. Gang Steering Committee is promoting Father G and the Homeboys. They are trying to get this video into the community. 9 kids successfully completed Project Alert over the summer.

Karen (YMCA) – Back to school is a busy time and school age programs are filling up and serving more children than last year at this time. Early Learning centers are at lower enrollment than normal, seems that parents are trying to be creative with child care needs due to the economy.

Dennis (Parks & Rec) - It was a very busy summer. Channel 21 has an overview of things that occurred. Leisure Guide is now available with fall programs beginning.

Kim (BGCSC) - Busy as ever. They have 980 families served with 38% being single families' and 38% students obtaining free and reduced lunch. They have a new computer system this year that tracks all of the kids throughout the county. They are open 2-6 each day (20 hours a week) for kids 6-18 years of age.

Colleen (Y&FS) - Busy with referrals as school is back in session.

Jen (SWSD) - SWSD has received a grant from the Gates Foundation for Early Childhood Education. They are hiring a Early Learning Program coordinator and a preschool teacher.

Chris (Y&FS) - RTL is in its 2nd bi-annual. October 1st Ron will be discussing budget.

Lyndie (SPF-SIG) – Burlington Healthy Community Coalition is no longer offering the Strengthening Families coordinator position due to funding falling through. She is looking at further funding sources for this position. Burlington is continuing to implement the Safe Homes network and you can access this program at www.burlingtonhcc.org. Look for the theater ads at the mall theaters targeting under aging drinking.

Carol (United) – VOICE is a new diverse youth leadership board in Skagit County that has formed through the support of several local organizations. The primary mission of the group is to improve the wellbeing and health of youth in the area. They are looking for community partners to provide pro-social activities in the community.

Brian (Work First) – Marine Trade Fair happening in Anacortes on October 16th. Unemployment rate is up in Skagit County. Working on a training program for youth at Risk (Barista training). Looking for partnerships for youth to practice skills.

Benjamin (Samish) – Power of Hope at Camp Kirby had 57 youth and 32 adults participating. It provides growth in areas of prevention assisting middle and high school students in preventing destructive behaviors.

Dianne (NCHC) - North Cascade Health is providing Strengthening Families classes in SWSD.

Janice (Youthnet/ Region 1 WLA/Teen Resource Committee) – Teen Resources meeting is the 1st Monday of the month at Work Source. Youthnet is doing Peer to Peer mentoring: pairing foster youth with one another so those that age out of foster care mentor those in foster care.

Jonna (CCS) - all mental health therapists have been hired in the school districts. CHAP-concerns as they are down to serving only 3 families and the contract is for 8. They are working on referrals.

Wenda (Head Start) - started up again this week and they have 83 Early Head Start children and 343 Preschool children enrolled. All schools this year are all inclusive with children from special services.

Dave (NWESD 189) - Student Safety assessment Training on the 24th. They may need to offer more training in the county as they want to have building level teams in every school district.

Wayne (Conway) - They are doing a new program on the 23rd of September that will be presented to both students and parents called Rachel's Challenge. It is a program that inspires, instructs and enables students to bring positive change to their school's atmosphere. Rachel was the 1st victim in the Columbine shooting in 1999.

Linda (Northwest ESD) -21st Century grant was not funded. Compassionate Schools is a program working on ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences Study) where they help schools recognize these warning signs early and make an impact on children's lives. SS/HS is working with schools policies regarding their juvenile detention and substance abuse recovery reentry. They are also focusing on how to sustain the Early Childhood Behavior Specialist as it has been highly successful.

Bob (Y&FS) - We should hear by 9/30 about the gang prevention position. Working with PUD and City, who received money from WSSP, for youth work crews to work on graffiti abatement (gangs will not be working on rival gangs' graffiti).

SCCFC Business

Fiscal, we have not utilized any funds for this contract, as yet, except for Carol's time. Carol will have a more complete update next month.

Executive Board, Bob discussed the Executive Board's headway with the By-laws. The by-laws have been touched up a bit ... please look over them and the articles of incorporation. Come prepared to vote on them next month at our October meeting. Job descriptions of the board positions were passed out for review (nominations to occur later in the meeting.)

Coordinator, is working on supporting SCCFC General Membership and Executive Committee. She will be meeting with Joe Bowen next week. Joe will provide a training Executive Board will be having training at the November Board meeting.

Family Policy Council/Health and Safety Network, no SCCFC representatives will be able to attend their next retreat in August/September 08.

Introduction: Nancy Introduced John Lum, then new Youth and Services Director. John Lum has 30 years in both Juvenile and Adult Corrections/ Probation systems.

Action Items

Nominations for Executive Board, The following positions and nominations were brought to the table:

- **President** (1 year term): Bob Hicks, Linda Nelson, Kim Grams
- **Vice President** (2 year term): Lyndie Case, Karen Rose
- **Secretary** (1 year term): Brian Humphreys
- **Treasurer** (2 year term): Janice Condrin, Kim Grams
- **Member at Large #5** (1 year term): Ken Van Liew
- **Member at Large #6** (2 year term): Lyndie Case, Bob Hicks
- **Member at Large #7** (1 year term): Linda Nelson, Kim Grams, Karen Rose

We will keep nominations open conclude directly before elections at the October meeting.

By-Laws & Articles of Incorporation, There was discussion about voting members and Lyndie explained why we have an enrollment form. All current members will fill out the form new members will be voted on to become members after they attended 3 meetings. Carol Hawk brought up questions regarding UGH being the fiscal agent and hiring and supervising staff in the future and that we may need to address this differently in the by- laws.

Meeting place, Burlington Public Library is no available any longer for this day and time. Lyndie moved that we change our meeting location to the Skagit Family Resource Center located at 330 Pacific Place. This is located across from Riverside Athletic Club where Community Action, Head Start and SPARC are located for the rest of the year.

Enrollment Form, This was sent around for everyone to fill out and make comments on.

Retreat, scheduled for November 6th. Lisa will send out a voting e-mail regarding time.

Program Updates

Tobacco, Carol Hawk reported that on the 9th and 10th The Pacific Institute is doing a workshop on leadership and self advocacy skills. Teens Against Tobacco use-peers to educate peers. High school will mentor middle school kids and middle school kids will mentor elementary kids. Last year they touched more than 2800 kids. They are a part of a research program called ASPIRE. ASPIRE is an innovated way to inform kids about the Risks of Tobacco. United is looking for community sites. Meth Action Team-looking for former meth users to recruit for speakers to present/speak to schools. Tobacco Free Worksite, if you are interested in making your work place tobacco free call Carol to get it set up.

Next Meeting

[Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 9:15 - 10:30 am @ Family Resource Center in Mount Vernon, WA](#)