



SKAGIT COUNTY CHILD AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM

Meeting Minute Notes

January 21, 2009

9:15 am – 10:30am

In Attendance

Allison Johnston - *United General Hospital, Tobacco*

Benjamin Jojola - *Samish Indian Nation*

Bob Hicks - *Youth and Family Services*

Brian Humpyrey - *Workforce Development Council*

Dianne Crawford - *NCHC, SPC & BGCSC*

Janice Condrin - *Youth net, Region 1 WALA and Skagit County Teen Resource Committee*

Jean Champagne - *Mount Vernon School District*

Jonna Zieber - *Catholic Community Services - CHAP Program*

Karen Rose - *YMCA and Skagit County Children's Council*

Ken Van Liew - *Youth and Family Services*

Kim Grams - *Boys & Girls Clubs Skagit County*

Laurie Alexander - *Children's Administration*

Lisa Jacobsen - *SCCFC Coordinator / Skagit County Human Services*

Lyndie Case - *United General Hospital, SPF-SIG*

Lynn Christofersen - *Skagit County Community Action Agency*

Rex Dudley - *Big Brothers / Big Sisters*

Robin Hoover - *Head Start*

Wenda Cross - *Skagit/Islands Head Start*

Welcome & Introductions

Bob Hicks welcomed everyone to the meeting and we did a go around of introductions.

Brian Humphrey did a summary of the November retreat and a reconnection to our vision and mission.

Roundtable

Allison - VOICE youth went to Prevention Day in Olympia. They gave out information about 2nd hand smoke and SCCFC. The VOICE Summit is going to be February 28, 2009 for youth ages 13-18. If you would like save the date cards please contact her.

Lyndie - Burlington Healthy Community Coalition will be hosting their next Strengthening Families implementation on Tuesdays starting February 10 for 7 weeks @ Crossroads / Common Ground. There will be an English and Spanish versions happening simultaneously. Last implementation they had 16 families start the program with 14 families going through to graduation.

Karen - OASIS will be hosting their open house from 12-3 on February 13, 2009. Children's Council sent a letter to legislators supporting Early Childhood Education.

Brian - WorkSource is seeing the effects of the job cuts. There may be some funding for youth job opportunities this summer.

Wenda - Head Start is full. Next week is lobbying day in Olympia for ECAP.

Ken - Violence Prevention Group is working with schools to implement a regional summit. The summit would be for teams from schools to come together and incorporate challenge day activities and compassionate schools. Concrete and Emerson HS are starting compassionate schools with the hope that other districts will follow. Ken suggested a letter of support for RTL go to the legislature from SCCFC.

Dianne - Rachael's Challenge was implemented @ Cascade Middle School. See information at <http://www.rachelschallenge.com/>. NCHC helps to support programs like this and Strengthening Families along with Gum and Gummy Bears to PI's for youth who are trying to stay clean and sober/tobacco free. Strengthening Families is being implemented currently in Sedro-Woolley.

Kim – She is searching for funds. They just completed youth of the year competition for the county. 3 youth finalists will speak @ awards ceremony of the benefits of the program @ Burlington Public Library January 29th from 7-8PM.

Benjamin – He recently attended a regional tribal coordinators council (RTCC) meeting to discuss issues, programs and the effects they have on region three tribes due to funding cuts at the local, state, and federal levels. In Anacortes they are working on tribal oral traditions that are age appropriate to various attention spans for children at both Longhouse Head Start Child Care Center, and Whitney Pre-School. They are looking at healthy foods in correlation to tribal traditional foods, stories can allow the positive power of words to create a new empowering vision of the future and reshape the way one thinks about disease. Samish is also looking at educating parents and how to phrase ATOD free activities and events to younger children through monthly gatherings at the Longhouse Head Start Child Care Center. Samish is coordinating a presentation/presenting an information board on the Samish Indian Nation's mission statement, history, also, incorporating experiential learning with a low element initiative "trolley-aka... getting there" at the Skagit Summit 2009 which will have a focus on tribal journey.

Rex – Mentoring adults are needed especially males as he has 3 little's ages 6-14.

Lynn – Teen GED program, their Vista, Bonnie, is leaving and Gretchen will be taking her place. There are 36 young Latino women who have gained their GED and a large number of these are pregnant or parenting. 6 women are attending the Turning Point program to reconnect women to school. She is also working with Janice and Brian on adult computer based open education.

Laurie - There are lots of people accessing services. Family to Family is working with Swinomish tribe to provide services and hopefully allow youth in Foster care to stay in the tribal area. They are trying to increase their foster homes and increase relative ties in tribal areas. They are looking at neighborhood connections next month. Working with Bridget Collins of Bellingham to begin an advocacy center with parenting skills, prevention programs, increase in collaboration and Providence Sexual Assault Center interaction. They are also working with HUD on a grant proposal for housing. There are lots of cuts out of the budget from the state so they are getting creative in their services.

Jonna – There are 5 kids in the CHAP program. Working with Children's Administration and funding cuts as they do not know what the cuts will look like. The foster care system is having trouble with getting finger printing back for foster care licenses. Next Wednesday is the Homeless Court.

Jean – All are waiting for budget. They have had no decrease in enrolment. Secrete Harbor is closed and is only for respite care now. They are looking at sustainability of Gear-Up and Building Bridges grants.

Janice – There are shifts in programs for kids leaving foster care. Janice suggested we write a letter for RTL and Early Learning to send to legislators. Emerson needs garage sale items, excluding any toys, for their garage sale on March 7th.

Lisa – From March 2-6, 2009 there will be a Spanish Language SAPST (Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training) at the Cotton Tree in Mount Vernon. Registration coming is out shortly.

Bob – We need to tighten up our network sharing time as we are running late.

SCCFC Business

Minutes - Bob

Janice Condryn motioned to have the October 2008 meeting minutes and November 2008 Retreat notes approved and Kim Grams seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.



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Questions posed for
Current Strategic Are

Fiscal - Janice

Carol Hawk will submit a fiscal report to the Executive Board for review and then it will be available to members.

Executive Board - Bob

The Executive Board had the training with the lawyer and discussed responsibilities for 501 C3.

Pro-Social - Lyndie

They have a call to action. This group created a survey with face sheet for youth groups. They are asking that any SCCFC member that works with youth they complete the attached question form. Please make sure to read the letter before any questions are asked. They would like to get as broad of a section of youth as possible. Please send all results to Lyndie Case: Lyndie.Case@unitedgeneral.org



Focus Group
Letter.doc



SCCFC focus group
questions.doc

Here are the notes from the Pro-Social group's last meeting:



12-15-08 pro social
committee minutes.dc

Mental Health - Jonna

They are looking at natural supports and the loss of services happening around Skagit County. They want to dispel the myths about Children's Services. They also want to develop a young parenting mentoring/support resource program.

Here are the notes from the Mental Health group's last meeting:



MH Meeting Minutes
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Connecting - Brian

No report, but they will meet and have a report by next month.

Program Updates

None at this time

Action Items

Bob Hicks requested a letter of support for the Gang Crime Prevention Funding be written from SCCFC to legislators. Lyndie Case moved for this letter to be written and Karen Rose seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Bob Hicks will write this letter.

Our next meeting is February 18, 2009 at the Family Resource Room from 9:15 to 10:30.

Lisa handed out a printout of the graphic artistry from the retreat.

Adjourn @ 10:37 a.m.