



## SKAGIT COUNTY CHILD AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM

### Meeting Minute Notes

February 18, 2009

9:15 am – 10:30am

#### In Attendance

Benjamin Jojola - *Samish Indian Nation*

Bob Hicks - *Youth and Family Services*

Brian Humpyrey - *Workforce Development Council*

Colleen Boles - *ARIS*

Dianne Crawford - *NCHC, SPC & BGCSC*

Janice Condrin - *Youth net, Region 1 WALA and*

*Skagit County Teen Resource Committee*

Jennifer Sass-Walton - *Sk. Co. Health Dept.*

Joan Parrish - *Treehouse*

John Lum - *Youth and Family Services*

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

Ken Van Liew - *Youth and Family Services*

Laurie Alexander - *Children's Administration*

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

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

Rex Dudley - *Big Brothers / Big Sisters*

Wenda Cross - *Skagit/Islands Head Start*

#### Welcome & Introductions

Bob Hicks welcomed everyone to the meeting @ 9:20 a.m. and we did a go around of introductions. He also introduced Joan Parrish from Treehouse who did an introduction of her program. Please see <http://www.treehouseforkids.org/> for a complete description.



Joan Parrish  
business card

#### Roundtable

Bob described the process and purpose of the roundtable as follows:

This is a chance for you to tell other SCCFC members about the following:

1. Specific change in Services from your agency
2. A new Service of your agency
3. An event you would like to promote

Please keep your update brief to help make our meetings run smoother and on time. *\* If you have a larger item to discuss please let Lisa know and she can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.*

Joan - If you have any questions about Treehouse please either e-mail her or call her. Her business card is attached above.

Wenda - Head Start may be expanding. When she has more news regarding this she will let us know.

Brian - If the stimulus package happens WorkSource will have money to employ youth in summer job activities. Please contact Brian if you have any employment opportunities for either groups of youth or single placements.

Ken - All OK

Dianne - NCHC is promoting a drug free prom night and graduation.

Benjamin – Samish is participating in the youth SUMMIT and have proposed a canoe journey as the event for the youth to participate in.

Laurie – All OK

Rex – 17 Matches and they need 4 adult males and a couple of little sisters (ages 6-14)

Jennifer – Welcome Baby funding to end March with a possibility for extension to the Fall

Lyndie – Strengthening Families is happening in Burlington both English and Spanish. Jennifer Fix is doing the county wide coordination.

Janice – YouthNet Garage Sale and YMCA Breakfast March 7<sup>th</sup>. Concerned that SCCFC needs to write a support letter for RTL.

Karen – Enrollment is down. 2<sup>nd</sup> annual early learning breakfast June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-8:30am sponsored by the Children’s Council. There is also the Connections Conference @ SVC coming up and they will be having a resource fair during lunch @ the cafeteria. Oasis had their grand opening last Friday and all looks great.

## Updates

Family Policy Council Retreat Presentation – Colleen talked about the retreat and the various presentations on brain research and working with youth who have incarcerated parents. Colleen will bring copies of the handouts to our March meeting to hand out.

Pro-Social Involvement & Rewards for Youth - Lyndie discussed a 2<sup>nd</sup> call to action to hold youth focus groups. They have had 3 groups so far and would like more. Attached are the letter and questions. She discussed the importance of doing the questions with even just a couple of teens.



Focus Group  
Letter.doc



SCCFC focus group  
questions.doc

Mental Health – MH committee will be meeting again March 4<sup>th</sup>. Wenda talked about their last meeting where they had Greg come from CCS to do a presentation on the Mental Health Counselors in the high schools. They are contracted for the next 12 months.

Connecting Schools and Communities– Brian stated they will be meeting tomorrow @ 8:30 am @ Work Source.

Gang Crime Prevention Update – There is a spike in Detention detainees as the regular number is an average of 14 youth in detention. This week there was 32. With a decrease in the economy there is usually an increase in gang activity. There are 4 things happening:

1. Applying for grant for a coordinator submitted March 1<sup>st</sup>
2. GREAT application for a school based gang prevention curriculum
3. Partida coming to steering committee and looking at coming back to Skagit to help
4. Written statement by Burlington Attorney for buy-in by the commissioners for grant applications

Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Grant – Bob requested a letter of support (he will write and Karen will sign) for this collaboration. Lyndie motioned and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were no items for discussion. All approved with no abstains and no no's.

### **Action Items**

- ✓ Approval of January 2009 SCCFC General Meeting Minutes – Karen motioned for the January meeting minutes to be approved with Benjamin's changes. Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were no items for discussion; unanimously approved.

### **Business**

1. Treasurer Report – Janice presented the treasurers report and stated it was available for anyone who wanted a copy.
2. Executive Board – Bob discussed items that the Executive Board is working on. Lyndie wanted to remind everyone that when doing any external communication to please use SCCFC logo. There will also be a standing executive board agenda item of sustainability.

Adjourn @ 10:20 a.m.

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