



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

March 17, 2010

Family Resource Center, 320 Pacific Place Mount Vernon, WA

Minutes

In Attendance:

Benjamin Jojola - <i>Samish Indian Nation</i>	Jocelyn Palmer-Perry - <i>ARIS</i>
Bob Hicks - <i>Skagit County Community Services</i>	Joe Ruiz - <i>Samish Nation</i>
Brian Humphrey - <i>WorkSource</i>	John Lum - <i>Skagit Co. Y&FS</i>
Colleen Bowls - <i>Y&FS</i>	José Ortiz - <i>Catholic Church</i>
Dave Ahrenholz - <i>NWESD 189</i>	Karen Rose - <i>YMCA</i>
Janice Condrin - <i>Youthnet/Teen Resource Committee</i>	Linda Nelson - <i>Strengthening Families Coordinator</i>
Janet Simpson - <i>CCS</i>	Lyndie Case - <i>SCCFC Coordinator</i>
Jean Champagne - <i>MV School District</i>	Rex Dudley - <i>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</i>
Jenn Angelis - <i>SWSD</i>	Tiffany Caulk - <i>Skagit County Y&FS</i>
	Wenda Cross - <i>Skagit/Island Head Start</i>

Review of our Mission and Vision

Our Vision:

Skagit County is a community where everyone feels included, hopeful, connected and motivated to maintain a healthy environment for ourselves and future generations.

Our Mission:

The Skagit County Child and Family Consortium will promote and strengthen a seamless continuum of support and services to foster safe and healthy children and families within the Skagit County Community.

Featured Presentation – Skagit Strengthening Families Program - Linda Nelson
Linda provided an overview of the Strengthening Families Program and upcoming sessions in Skagit County. (attached)



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SCCFC is the oversight organization for the County Strengthening Families Program. If you are interested in joining the Advisory Committee, please contact Linda.

SCCFC members had a discussion about the need for coordination of parenting classes for parents of younger children in Skagit.

Announcements

Joe Ruiz – April 9th Samish Indian Nation Social Services Open House, 1809 Commercial, Anacortes, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Karen Rose – April 17th “Healthy Kids Day” Bakerview Sports Center, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Camp Sign-up will happen at this event. RTL scholarships will be available (depending on the outcome of the state budget).

Janice – April 16th Annual Legacy of Caring Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

José - Food Bank each Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Charles Church, volunteer opportunities available the first Saturday of each month

- Meetings are occurring around the housing issues in Skagit
- Working on a radio program around gangs
- New immigration reform movement has started with 20 grassroots leaders in Skagit
- José and others (Brian, John, Bob) are working on a Youthbuild program for Skagit

Brian – Vocational Scholarships are available through NWBoard.org

<http://www.nwboard.org/Opportunity%20Internship%20Application%20v2.pdf>

http://www.nwboard.org/YouthScholarshipAwardApplication_v13-2010.pdf

Rex – Big Brothers/Big Sisters has moved (4204 Meridian St. Suite 101, Bellingham)

- April 15th is Schmoozefest
- Rex’s son was accepted to West Point!

Dave – April 19th NWESD 189 is hosting a training on Coordinated School Health



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John – April 19th A forum with Susan Dreyfus will occur. SCCFC might possibly co-sponsor the event by providing snacks. More information to come.

Lyndie – Will be working for WWU’s Campus Community Coalition starting in April but will remain 8 hours per week with the Consortium.

Linda – The State Prevention Certification Board (pscbw.org) will be hosting Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Trainings (SAPST) April 5-8 in Seattle, late-May in Spokane and a TOT June 7-11 in Ellensburg

Action Items

Approval of February General Meeting Minutes - Janice motioned for the February SCCFC General meeting minutes be approved, Bob seconded with unanimous approval from all.

Business

1. Workgroup Format Review/Update – A proposal was brought forth to re-examine the workgroup structure. SCCFC Executive Board members are proposing the workgroups each plan one of the quarterly forums on a topic related to SCCFC’s focus area with the purpose of increasing collaboration and identifying gaps in the community. Next month’s meeting will be a forum on underage drinking. SCCFC will re-visit this change of format after participating in this forum.
2. Legislative Update –
 - a. Emails have been sent out about action needed for network funding. Currently, the Senate budget has removed funds for coordination for the Family Policy Council. Please respond to the legislative alert.
 - b. John Lum spoke about the BECCA bill proposed changes in HB3182 – truancy language changes from “shall” to “may” around truancy issues and filing.

3. RTL Update - The RTL budget is in the House and Senate budget. There is a new requirement around parenting groups. Mount Vernon Middle School students have proposed a Mixteco Club. Jocelyn talked about the four week pilot for MS students, parents and teachers.
4. Treasurer – No report available. SCCFC will be opening a checking account with the money from SAMHSA for hosting the underage drinking forum.
5. Executive Board Update – No further report required.

Adjourned 10:32 a.m.

****SAVE THE DATE: Community Partnership Meeting on Underage Drinking
April 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. @ Family Resource Center**