



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium
A Health and Safety Network

Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2010

Welcome

Karen Rose opened the meeting with introductions and an overview of today's agenda

Communication Planning

Discussed communication planning process thus far and goal of all members and those who interact with SCCFC understanding their role in relation to the consortium/Health and Safety Network. Attendees broke into three groups to discuss the SWOT analysis done thus far, to provide their input, additions, priorities. Comments follow:

Strengths to communicate to stakeholders:

- Strong partnerships—diversity and variety, representation from all segments of community
- Professional competence of members, skill sets and credentials that give credibility.
- Ability to get/have funding which may lead to **opportunity** to leverage and get more
- This community has a strong history of coordination and collaboration of community resources, pattern is that community works well together to meet needs. Preserve, manage and find new resources.
- Awareness of economic issues, at forefront of how to work together.
- Division into work areas, capacity for this group to be persistent/consistent in working on issues
- Can be powerful advocacy group, major youth/family supporting agencies participate
- Connections that can help us recruit people

Weaknesses

- Variety of cultures not represented in a meaningful way
- Layoffs, agency staffing changes have made it difficult to maintain people, including cultural diverse members. Loss of cultural representatives to layoffs
- Lack of knowledge/resources we have by not reaching out to other Health & Safety Networks
- Is there a targeted plan for intentional membership? Yes, there is
- New member orientation is needed to understand roles

Opportunities

- Opportunity to be mindful about what we are communicating, to whom
- New member orientation is needed to understand roles
- List of members and other consortiums they are connected with, update designated communication point.
- Look at membership in terms of skill sets needed, e.g. website development
- Find way to have voice of parents/families who we serve, what their needs are

Threats

1. Economics to retain people
2. Time constraints
3. Dave Quall has been a huge advocate for funding. Had experience and status.

Karen invited all to participate in the June 24 Communications Workshop, to be held at the Burlington Library from 9 am – 3:30 pm. This workshop should be beneficial to participants in their daily work as well as in relation to the Consortium.

Announcements

[Blue Skies for Children](#) serves homeless, low-income, foster youth. They have 40 musical instruments to loan. Everything but percussion.

Ray Soriano will be doing a workshop at the [Launching Success](#) store on June 26 at 11:15, suitable for K-6.

The Sedro-Woolley Community Partners Group, which grew out of SCCFC, has been very successful, plans for moving forward next fall. They may become the advisory group for a Gates grant re youth violence in dating relationships that United General Hospital has been invited to apply for. The grant includes Strengthening Families, Coaching Boys to Men and would serve families in the Sedro-Woolley School District.

Today is the last day of school for Emerson, summer school begins June 28. August 23 is the annual women's golf tournament to benefit Youthnet, foster services. Contact Janice for details.

Skagit County Community Services has received a grant to provide moral reconnection training (based on addiction theory) and one year of after-care for people when released from jail. Skagit Recovery Center will be the service provider.

YMCA school-age summer camp kicked off in Burlington Monday, pretty full. Anacortes, La Conner and Mount Vernon districts start next Monday, spaces are limited. High demand for scholarships. In fall, working with Sedro-Woolley School District to open an integrated preschool program at Central Elementary, combined with Good Beginnings special ed preschool. MVSD may do preschool program at Rosewood Building in Rosewood neighborhood by Centennial School.

YMCA working with Skagit Valley Hospital on CATCH Kids Club (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) to promote healthy eating and physical activity for children. Karen reports that this program was hugely successful. Kids are now asking for vegetables!

Skagit Valley Hospital's Healthy Communities programs are working to increase access to healthy nutrition and physical activity to prevent/manage chronic disease, obesity. Working with Westra Research to analyze data from YMCA CATCH Kids Club to determine if working in after-school programs result in better choices about nutrition and physical activity.

Liz is also working on a new Centers for Disease Control grant to fund healthy retail, put together community group to help work with retailers to provide healthier foods in highest poverty areas of county, Safe Routes to School—need to have built environments that make it possible for kids to safely walk, bike to school. Will select one or two schools to work with in fall. One will be in Mount Vernon. Working to eliminate bussing in one-mile walk zone around selected school by eliminating hazard zones.

DSHS has lost funding for their in-house nurse from Planned Parenthood. MBPP clinic is still in the building, but services will be more limited and will require appointments. Diane shared a number for free mammograms/health screenings through the state Breast & Cervical Health Program: 1-888-651-8931.

Children's Council/Skagit Early Learning receiving a \$25,000 grant from the Foundation for Early Learning to provide professional development about aligning EALRs (Essential Academic Learning Requirements) and Washington's Early Learning and Development Benchmarks.

Department of Labor has announced summer grant solicitation for Youth Build grants, using unspent grant money from past two years. At-risk, dropout youth age 16-24 would attend Job Corps for several weeks, then work with Habitat for Humanity, Housing Authority. Builds skills in youth and increases availability of low-income housing. WorkSource Skagit intends to apply for these funds.

Approval of May meeting minutes

Janice moved, Bob seconded approval of the May Consortium meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

Treasurers' Report

At the May executive board meeting there were two principal actions. The contract with Adrienne Dealy to do the communications project was approved and a software purchase was approved to assist Lyndie Case to do coordinators' work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with the following reminders:

- Communications Planning Workshop, June 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ Burlington Library
- NEXT SCCFC MEETING: September 15, 2010 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Attendance

Evelyn Turner—Launching Success Learning Store
Jenn Angelis—Sedro-Woolley School District
Jocelyn Palmer-Perry—Skagit County Community Services/ARIS
Bob Hicks—Skagit County Community Services
Karen Rose—Skagit Family YMCA
Jennifer Walton—Skagit County Public Health
Liz McNett-Crowl—Skagit Valley Hospital
Spencer Goldfield—Skagit Valley Hospital
Janice Condrin—Youthnet/Emerson
Jennifer Paddock—DSHS/Children's Administration
Diane Linell—DSHS/CSO
Mary Dell Harrison—NW ESD 189 Prevention Center
Brian Humphrey—WorkSource Skagit