



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012 ~ 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Community Mobilization Site Visit – Ramona Leber, Commerce

Ramona attended the meeting as part of a site visit. SCCFC is taking on the local CM role. Commerce grants funds to community-based boards. Our on-site monitoring occurred primarily the morning prior to this meeting – reviewing site and by-laws. Ramona reviews policy boards for programmatic oversight and engagement in strategies.

Also, she looks for budget oversight and input. She makes certain boards such as SCCFC are not just rubber stamping budget, but making budget decisions. Also, oversight of funded staff is key. Another concern is determining that boards are seeking community input on what CM strategies might be funded locally. Such input is gained often through outreach, community forums, town halls, etc.

In addition, she looks to see if boards are engaging policy makers and electeds at city, county, state and even federal levels. SCCFC is working toward such engagement through our communication plan.

SCCFC is considering forums regarding ACEs, possibly to be scheduled in January 2013. In April, we may hold a forum reviewing Healthy Youth Survey in conjunction with other data. This will lead into a community conversation about accessing and utilizing data.

Commerce and the State are ending a six-year strategic plan period in June 2013. The decrease in funding and the end of this planning period will bring about considerable changes and an opportunity for input at the county level.

Site visits will be on a three-year cycle with either desk monitoring or on-site monitoring visits.

With declining funds, Ramona is seeing groups bringing together more partners to gain and blend resources. There is greater focus on global and/or capacity issues. This can be tasked by sub-committees that include people from outside the consortium membership. Leah Selem in Wahkiakum is a small county with limited funds that has creatively formed successful partnerships. She suggested we reach out to Wahkiakum to learn how they achieved these successful partnerships.

Ramona discussed that CM policy board requirements include an education representative, local government representative, a parent representative – all of which we have. However, we need a substance abuse treatment representative. We should do outreach to this group, plus law enforcement—a required membership group toward whom we are currently reaching out.

2. Strategic Planning

- Review Strategic Plan
- Discuss membership goals
- Potential January / April Forums
- Create a communications subcommittee

See PDF or tables titled SCCFC Goal Planning 2012-2013. We will define specifically these goals for SCCFC membership. Lyndie discussed that we should start a group on communication including outreach to policymakers. We could add informational interviews as part of this process in next SCCFC meeting and request involvement from general membership.

3. Updates

- Power in Numbers – Meeting 10/4/12 at 9 a.m. at Co-op. We are continuing the plan from last year. Social marketing will target 9th grade. Last phase of posters may include another Facebook contest. We will need to determine what the roles of schools will be in the program.
- HIDTA Request for Proposals – have been released. Responses are due on 10/12/12. Will be reviewed on 10/15/12
- EYE on Jobs
- Treasurer's report – No funds expended yet in DVR partnership, HIDTA, or CM. Only expense for past month was \$102 for CM Island County Budget

4. October Meeting Planning

- New Sign-in / member tracking procedure – we will have three different sign in forms – 1. Members 2. Guests 3. New to SCCFC
- Executive Board Position Opening
- Truancy Presentation from Ericka C & Joelene M

****Next Meeting: November 2, 2012 10:30 – 12:00 at DSHS Samish Room**