



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2012 ~ 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Attended:** Andy Wheeler, President; Jennifer Angelis, Vice President; Mick Rasch, Member At-Large; Kari Jellison, Member At-Large; Lyndie Case, SCCFC Coordinator

**1. Minutes/Miscellaneous info**

- Executive Board Meeting Minutes (10/3/2012) – APPROVED
- General Membership Meeting Minutes (10/17/2012) – APPROVED
- Budget report – no significant billing changes in our account; Island County did experience a change and/or switch to positive discipline/parenting for funding
- Lopez Island – accessed drug free community (DFC) grant and needed a fiscal agent; United has become fiscal grant. This may provide for an opportunity to learn more about DFC grant for Skagit County; at this time the biggest challenge may be the match, as it is progressive and builds up to 100% match and all strategies must be environmental and capacity building
- Aces Public Private Initiative – housed in the DSHS system (Laura Porter). DVR funding comes from the APPI and reports will be provided to DSHS/APPI by Lyndie. APPI is inviting networks to apply for funding (\$25,000); networks applying must be willing to participating in the review/assessment process. Lyndie shared the selection criteria that must be met by networks applying for the funding, and the Advisory Board requested clarification on the evaluation process. Lyndie requested permission from the Advisory Board to put together a letter of intent and explore the evaluation and funding processes for this grant – APPROVED.

**2. Program Updates**

- Power in Numbers – program is still needing engagement from the community. Counsel and community groups (North Cascade, Mt. Vernon Wallace, and Upper Valley Task force) are still meeting, and Lyndie is trying to engage them, as well as intervention and marketing specialists and counseling groups. The plan is still to revisit the first couple of phases, and for each local community to develop their own implementation plan. Goal will be to also look into having advertisements in the mall for the program, as well.
  - La Conner and Sedro Woolley schools are utilizing posters in the High School, and the Community Bowling Center (in Sedro Woolley) is willing to utilize the posters as well to support the program.

- Anacortes program is not up and running, as Lyndie has been unable to meet with the representative.
- Burlington Boys and Girls Club had the posters displayed at their fall dance.
- Eye on Jobs – notifications of the informational breakfast (October 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>) went out through United Way, Chambers, and SCCFC.
  - Burlington – 25-26 people have registered for the breakfast.
  - La Conner – 10 people have registered for the breakfast
  - Concrete – 3 people have registered for the breakfast. There is a plan to try direct contact to solicit interest and participation for local community businesses, and to consider having a modified breakfast and presentation. Chris Kennedy also sent out information to the community. There was some thought, that perhaps individuals were planning on attending but had not responded to the RSVP. Lyndie will also contact representative from the newspaper to help with outreach.
- HIDTA – spoke with Will Reichert, who expressed interest in becoming involved and assisting SCCFC with utilizing funding as it meets the outlined criteria.
  - Gang Training - there is a training regarding gang information being offered down in Seattle, that Mr. Reichert was already planning on sending 2 officers. Due to structural changes in the training 4 officers can now attend for \$1500; this will be utilized by the HIDTA funding.
  - Field Kits – these would be utilized by officers for completing drug testing in the community
  - Power in Numbers – possible that some of the funding could be utilized for advertising or other needs for this program.
  - Networking – concern was expressed that it seemed other local law enforcement agencies were not accessing the training; it seemed apparent that all local chiefs were provided the information for the training and HIDTA funding. Andy offered to network with Sedro Woolley PD, to try and engage them as a resource. Additionally, it was suggested that perhaps some outreach to local Tribal Law Enforcement might be beneficial as well; Mick offered to follow up with this within the week.

### **3. Strategic Planning**

- Strategic Plan – work is being done to demonstrate follow through on the plans developed.

- Data - Bob is working on trying to see if an Ameri Corps intern/person can assist with data gathering. Community Mobilization has funding for Island County, but there really is not much funding for Skagit County.
- Membership goals
  - Increase diversity - suggested to conduct outreach to the chemical dependency providers for local tribes
- Forums
  - January – discussion around what this forum should/could look like for the community; there is a need to re-educate the community on important topics surrounding ACES.
    - Considering conducting a 2-3 part series: 1. ACES education (resiliency and neurobiology), 2-3. Community Follow Up (compassionate schools, etc.).
    - Suggested partnering possibly with the ESD and/or Children’s Council; Lyndie will touch base with ESD prevention director and also try to locate a venue.
    - Suggested identifying a way to target and/or include local tribes and school districts servicing tribal youth; Mick will do internet search to look at connections of ACES with Native American cultures/tribes.
- Sub-committee formations
  - Substance Abuse Prevention – this committee will meet directly following the consortium meetings (45 minutes). Purpose will be for reviewing data/information and engaging in discussions about the observed trends throughout the county; possibly be involved in preparing/writing for a drug free community grant. This group may be advising on how to utilize funding – to assist with keeping focus on SA prevention and violence prevention.
  - Communication – this committee will be scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>; following the SCCFC Executive Board Meeting. Members will work towards creation of a monthly news letter and/or putting together presentations at the councils. There was a suggestion of possibly having a representative from VISTA to assist and/or contacting the human services department at Skagit Valley Community College.

#### 4. Meeting Planning

- November
  - SWIFT – presentation from Jonna about the program and how the community can utilize/benefit from the program
  - Readiness to Learn – Lyndie will touch base with Bob, so see if there is an update for this program to present to the group as well.
  - Family to Family – discussed that this program just completed Cultural Day, and is planning another one for next year; primary

group is in a holding pattern at this time, due to holidays – so no presentation will be provided to the group

- December
  - I-502 – discussion about providing more in-depth information regarding the impact of this legislation should it pass; possibly having the State Liquor Control Board or Education outreach person – suggestion maybe for this to occur in February instead so that the presentation was more meaningful
  - HIDTA funding – possible presentation idea; Lyndie will contact Sara Dietzer

**\*\*Next Meeting: December 7, 2012 10:30 – 12:00 at DSHS Mt. Baker Room**