



January 16, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Family Resource Center, 320 Pacific Place, Mount Vernon

## Meeting Minutes

### Welcome and Introductions

#### Featured Topic:

Marijuana Rule-Making Recommendations for the WA State Liquor Control Board

<http://www.liq.wa.gov/marijuana/email-notifications>

The Substance Abuse Prevention Committee would like to encourage statewide approach, with SCCFC and other stakeholders providing recommendations to the Liquor Control Board.

Attendees broke into small groups, reviewing and discussing Suggestions for Marijuana Rule Making (see attachment). Additional input was noted (red font on attachment) and items were either endorsed or removed from list (also in red font).

## SUGGESTIONS FOR MARIJUANA RULE MAKING

INTENDED FINAL AUDIENCE: Washington State Liquor Control Board

Input from SCCFC meeting attendees 1/16/13 noted in red font

### **ADVERTISING – All items endorsed**

- Ban on all mass media marijuana advertising / stricter youth advertising. What defines mass media now? **Difficulty is internet – can't effectively ban advertising on all social network sites. Instead of stricter youth advertising, should be clearly no ads directed toward youth.**
- State-wide marijuana education campaign – according to 502 the State Department of Health will conduct an education campaign similar to their previous anti-tobacco campaign. **Funding should be dedicated so it doesn't disappear into state general fund. Educational should be culturally diverse – campaigns geared toward multiple audiences including youth and parents. Prevention should be research-based and effective with efforts evaluated to assure ongoing effectiveness. Education should include why young people are more vulnerable to addiction and more susceptible to negative impacts from marijuana. Pro-social activities should be a focus of education/prevention. Funds should also support treatment.**
- Health labels on all marijuana packaging – according to 502 the LCB needs to determine what is included on labels. **Should be in multiple languages. Should list all ingredients and THC level. Concern that after a person buys a product, there is no longer a “teachable**

moment”. In other words, labels won’t stop use. Efforts should focus on pre-sale prevention.

### ***PRODUCTION / SALES***

- Determine an upper threshold for THC content. Suggest that they develop a genetic marker sampling system with spot check analysis to determine whether marijuana is from a state approved grower – such as the system Colorado has developed.
- Limit marijuana infused products (i.e. – energy drinks, lollipops, etc.)
- Limit daily per person sales
- Limited hours of sale and limited pot shop density / No minors in stores
- Implement a license scan system for sales
- Mandatory responsible vendor program to ensure that marijuana is not sold to minors and that security systems are in place to prevent shoplifting and robbery. This would include “virtual” pot shops. Could we eliminate virtual shops completely?
- Regular marijuana purchase surveys/compliance checks. Checks should ensure no sales to minors. All products should be in state-approved packaging.

### ***ENFORCEMENT***

- Police Department emphasis patrols (party patrols) targeting “hot spots” where kids are known to use drugs and alcohol.
- Police Department shoulder tap programs outside all marijuana shops. Liquor Control Board would enforce, not police.
- A social host ordinance that holds parents responsible for underage marijuana and alcohol use in their homes. Much discussion on this issue.
- Ban on medical marijuana “green cards” for those under 21 and/or close all medical marijuana dispensaries. Much discussion. It is difficult for police to confirm the validity of green cards. Marijuana is a valid treatment for some disorders – yet green cards appear to be distributed too liberally. Should marijuana as a medication be distributed at a pharmacy?
- Tighter regulations on Hookah bars. Should Hookah bars be banned?
- Fee on marijuana to fund evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs in all schools; drug/alcohol counselors in all middle and high schools; enforcement of new laws regarding marijuana; Prosocial activities for youth; treatment

Highlighted items were discussed at SCCFC on 1/16/13 but consensus was not yet reached  
Suggestions based on list developed by a group of Seattle coalitions and advocates – reviewed and adapted by  
SCCFC’s Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

## **Closing Announcements**

- ACEs 101 ~ February 7<sup>th</sup>
- ACEs Series ~ February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Next Meeting: February 20, 2013 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- Substance Abuse Committee meeting today until 11:30 AM
- Applebee's today!

## **Attendees:**

Bob Hicks, Skagit Co Community Services  
Bonnie Kiilsholm, Community Volunteer  
Brooke Freeman, Catholic Community Services  
Brian Mullen, NWESD  
Carol Hawk, United General Hospital  
Diane Linnel, DSHS  
Elizabeth Morgan, Brigid Collins  
Eric Holl, NWESD 189 Emerson  
Gary Gaggins, NWESD 189  
Heidi Harding, DVSAS  
Jed Cates, Burlington Police Department  
Jenn Angelis, Sedro-Woolley SD  
Jennifer Morford, Job Corps  
Jodie DesBiens, NWESD Prevention Center  
Joe Fuller, Whatcom Health Department

Joelene Meckstroth, Skagit County Community Services  
Jose Ortiz, St Charles  
Kati Ortiz, Summer Meals Program  
Kaye Chapman, Community Volunteer  
Kay Walter, Sedro-Woolley SC  
Lyndie Case, SCCFC Coordinator  
Lynn Christoferson, Community Action  
Michelle Johnson, Samish Indian Nation  
Mick Rasch, Upper Skagit Tribe  
Pat Jorgenson, Anacortes Health Council  
Peter Browning, Skagit Health Department  
Ryein Kitchen, CMS  
Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Community Services  
TJ Larrick, Samish Indian Nation  
Wendi Thomas, NWESD 189

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### **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.

### **Our Purpose:**

Empower Skagit communities to support and respond to the needs of individual families and children. Improve the responsiveness of service for children and families.

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