



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

Feb. 20, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Family Resource Center, 320 Pacific Place, Mount Vernon

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Featured Topic:**

Movie Night Program, Sarah Detzer- Catholic Housing Services.

Through SCCFC HIDTA funding, Sarah teamed with Officer Jon Gerondale of the Mount Vernon Police Dept. The program engages teens through inspirational films followed by discussions on healthy living and substance abuse prevention—as well as identifying community resources. Attendance has been high and participation very positive. Tony Silva of Sea Mar has joined the program. This has included poetry/rap contests. Tony lead a youth visit to the KSVR radio station at Skagit Valley College. The Movie Night program will be rotated through various community-based locations. The next event is 3/23 at the Kulshan Station. HIDTA funds were used to purchase a projector and speakers.

### **Update On Marijuana Legalization Rule-Making Process**

A small local forum with the Liquor Control Board (LCB) and prevention and law enforcement representatives was held on the afternoon 2/19. Reps included SCCFC members, sheriff and police department reps. Stakeholders from Skagit, Whatcom, Snohomish and Island Counties attended. The LCB noted that many pieces of the legalization process will need to be addressed by the Legislature, while other issues are stipulated in I-502, limiting the scope of the LCB to issues of growing and retail sales of marijuana. Please note that you can write the LCB with your concerns.

Please reference two attachments – “SCCFC Suggestions for Marijuana Rule Making” and “WASAVP 20 Provisions to Promote Healthy Children and Communities in a Legal Marijuana Marketplace.”

During the evening of 2/19, more than 500 people attended a public forum at McIntyre Hall in which the LCB received public comment about marijuana legalization. Lyndie Case and a Whatcom Schools Prevention/Intervention Specialist spoke about the need to prevent underage use of marijuana. They were booed and heckled somewhat – although they also received some applause. They were the only public commenters addressing issues regarding prevention, with the remainder of speakers focusing comments on removing restrictions around producing, processing and sales of marijuana.

### **Roundtable**

Bob Hicks, SCCFC -- APPI – ACEs Evaluation – APPI invited SCCFC to submit a full proposal in response to SCCFC’s submission of a letter of interest. If funded, SCCFC would receive \$25,000 per year for three years to participate in an ACEs Evaluation process and Learning Community. The next stage in the process will be APPI releasing a RFP by the end of February 2013. April 30 will be the due date for submission of full proposals.

Jeff Brown – Burlington-Edison School District -- Burlington Healthy Community Coalition is actively working on building resource capacity and developing healthy community events. Also, the fall EYE on Jobs follow up training will be held on 2/22 – with the focus on obtaining more community partners.

Jonna Zieber – Catholic Community Services. Another Strengthening Families group is being held in Anacortes. She noted CCS is finding a greater number of kids receiving mental health services are also experiencing substance abuse issues.

Brian Humphrey– WorkSource is working with businesses to help employers work better with young employees – including interns, job shadows and employment. WorkSource continues to have GED classes on site. One barrier is the testing fee, which is going to increase from \$75 to \$150/test. GED completion requires four tests. If a student fails a test, they have to pay the full price to retake the test. WorkSource does not provide testing asit provides GED prep.

Kay Walter – Sedro-Woolley School District. 28 participants are attending their Developing Capable Young People class.

Kristen Ekstran – Skagit County Community Services Developmental Disabilities. Hosting a training on 2/25 for families eligible for DD services who are not currently receiving services due to funding restrictions. WA State DD Council trains families on how they can self-advocate and gain progress toward receiving services. See attachment – “Navigating the Future.”

Jed Cates, Burlington Police Dept. He attended a Burlington –Edison High School assembly about cyber-bullying. It was an excellent presentation that engaged the students.

Jodie DesBiens, NWESD 189 – Have funded a Prevention/Intervention Specialist in Concrete. NWESD submitted a Medicaid application that, if it is awarded, will bring 10 additional mental health workers to five counties (including two in Skagit). HB 1424 is the new dropout prevention legislation which is very promising. A Threat Assessment Training in Anacortes will be held March 11-12.

### **Closing Announcements**

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

### **Attendees:**

Andy Wheeler, NWESD, Discovery School  
Bob Hicks, Skagit Co Community Services  
Bonnie Kiilsholm, Community Volunteer  
Brian Humphrey, Workforce Development Council  
Debra Lancaster, United Way  
Diane Linnel, DSHS  
Elizabeth Morgan, Brigid Collins  
Jancie Condryn, Emerson, YouthNet  
Jed Cates, Burlington Police Department

Jeff Brown, Burlington-Edison School District  
Jenn Angelis, Sedro-Woolley SD  
Jodie DesBiens, NWESD Prevention Center  
Joelene Meckstroth, Skagit County Community Services  
Jonna Zeiber, Catholic Community Services  
Kaye Chapman, Community Volunteer  
Kay Walter, Sedro-Woolley SC  
Lyndie Case, SCCFC Coordinator

Michelle Johnson, Samish Indian Nation  
Mick Rasch, Upper Skagit Tribe  
Rob Werner, United Way  
Sarah Detzer, Catholic Housing Services

TJ Larrick, Samish Indian Nation  
Wenda Cross, Skagit/Island Head Start  
Wendi Thomas, NWESD 189