



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

October 16, 2013 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Family Resource Center, 320 Pacific Place, Mount Vernon

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed and following new voting members were recognized: Heather Parker, Skagit County Health Department, and Jodi Boon, Launching Success Learning Store.

Featured Topics:

Restorative Justice through the Dispute Resolution Center, Sean Conner

Sean provided an overview of the Restorative Justice Project, including information on the Victim Offender Impact Competency Education (VOICE), the Victim Offender Meeting (VOM) and the Restorative Alternative Meetings (RAM). His PowerPoint will be posted on www.sccfc.org under meeting minutes.

Raising of America Project, consortium discussion

The Consortium watching a video clip from Raising of America Project (through 7:25)

<http://www.raisingofamerica.org/crazy-about-our-kids>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuPQFtI_vJk&feature=youtu.be&t=0m0s

A discussion followed about who in the community needs to see this message and how we share it with them in an effective way. Suggestions included

- Hosting a series of events at the Lincoln Theatre/Anacortes Theatre/Concrete Theatre
- Conducting a Documentary Study Series
- Partnering with existing festivals/events, such as the Early Learning Legislative Breakfast and the Human Rights Festival.
- Other partnering opportunities include: Launching Success Learning Store, The Skagit Children's Museum
- Other ideas included teaching the importance of early childhood education as a high school elective.
- Reframing early childhood "education" to be more open and conjure the idea that it's not sending children to a school to learn, but that parents are the best teachers for their children.

SCCFC Updates

Strengthening Families Program – A Spanish language program is starting in Mount Vernon on Oct. 23rd. If people are interested or have families to refer, see Lyndie after the meeting.

EYE on Jobs Program – the EYE on Jobs program will be starting in the schools again this fall. The program has been scaled back a bit due to funding but will continue to work with Burlington-Edison, Sedro-Woolley, and Anacortes transitions classes on increasing employment readiness. In addition, we are working with employers to encourage hiring youth with disabilities.

Recognition Awards Ceremony Committee – Skagit Prevention Council hosted an annual VIPP (Very Important Prevention Person) ceremony each year. They no longer hold that event and we were wondering if SCCFC would like to hold some type of recognition event/ceremony. What would that look like? What/Who would we recognize and why? Volunteers for this committee included: Elizabeth Morgan, Eric Holl, and Brian Humphrey.

Roundtable

Jodi Boon – Launching Success: November 9th is “A Day of Play” in honor of teacher appreciation. It’s a fun day open to everyone. 133 Prince Avenue in Bellingham from 10 – 2.

Jodie DesBiens – NWESD 189: The Prevention Center is adding mental health specialists 9 more school districts outside of Skagit.

Al Peraino– NAMI: Saturday, November 2nd “Navigating the Behavioral Mental Health System” at 10 AM to the PUD

Katie Tse – Brigid Collins: They are hosting more Stewards of Children trainings. Contact Brigid Collins for more information.

Kaye Chapman: Question for the group – She needed recommendations of where to direct a homeless person who has been diagnosed with cancer. Recommendations: SeaMar, Love Inc, or Community Action

Jenn Angelis – Sedro-Woolley School District: Started Woolley Kids Facebook Page

Heidi Kennedy – DSHS: The FAR program will be implemented in July. It’s a new way to engage families instead of investigating families.

Jennifer Walton – Health Department: Sign up for health care now! In-person assistants are available to help navigate the process. The Children’s Council is working to engage new dads. Argus Luncheon is on November 22nd from 11 – 1pm at the Burlington Senior Center.

Heather Parker – Health Department: She participated in a discussion group with the state Nurse Family Partnership about making ACE assessments a part of the program.

Brian Humphrey – WorkSource: WorkSource is also working with the new healthcare sign ups and have in-person assistance available. There is a new Americorps member who is focused on expanding services for youth. He will be expanding models to reach all youth regardless of any type of eligibility.

Eric Holl – NWESD/Emerson HS: NW Youth Services is hiring a full time case manager in Bellingham.

Closing Announcements

Next Meeting: November 20th

Applebee’s today!

Attendees:

Al Peraino, NAMI Skagit
Andy Wheeler, NWESD/Discovery
Brian Humphrey, WorkSource
Elizabeth Cooksey, Health Department
Elizabeth Morgan, Brigid Collins
Eric Holl, NWESD/Emerson HS
Heather Parker, Health Department
Heidi Kennedy, DCFS
Jenn Angelis, SWSD
Jennifer Walton, Health Department

Jodi Boon, Launching Success
Jodie DesBiens, NWESD
Joelene Meckstroth, SC Community
Services
Katie Tse, Brigid Collins
Kaye Chapman
Leslie Finch, SeaMar
Lyndie Case, SCCFC
Sean Connor, Dispute Resolution Center
Wendi Thomas, NWESD

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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