



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

SCCFC General Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2013

Location: Family Resource Center, 320 Pacific Pl. Mt. Vernon

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Healthcare Benefit Exchange

Information was shared regarding the new healthcare benefits system that comes along with the Affordable Health Care Act. Brie Phillips identified that there are IPA's throughout the county who can help community members navigate the healthcare benefits system and find a plan that fits both their needs and financial budgets. SCCFC General Members were informed that healthcare plans/benefits can be provided to children whose parents may not be documented citizens; they need e-mail and SSN for children and can apply with the child as head of household. There will be sessions out in Concrete as well, since members of this community report having difficulty accessing transportation and internet services (December 12th). Additional information is that the fines for not having coverage are progressive, and will increase for each year that eligible participants elect not to purchase coverage.

Varsity in Volunteerism (VIV)

General membership was provided information regarding the progress and changes within this program. This program has been piloting in Sedro Woolley and will expanded this year to Concrete; students will work with an identified coach on completing the guidelines of the program; last year it demonstrated to be a great way for the community to have positive interactions with youth in the community. The VIV participants are hoping to do more presentations in the community, to continue to spread the word; the Concrete group is working on a food drive and the Sedro Woolley group are working on Holiday Cards. The coaches are Chris Kennedy (Concrete) and Travis Johns (Sedro Woolley). This program was also selected to participate in the Service to Science, which will assist with establishing an evaluation of the program; this will also have a site visit.

Updates on Marijuana Legalization and Rule Making

Informal discussion and updates were provided the general members. Lyndie reviewed the proposed changes to the I-502 legislation, and discussed the concerns and recommendations identified from other local communities, as well as the recommendations submitted by the Executive Members who were present at the last Executive Board Meeting; it was clarified the recommendations were not sent on behalf of the SCCFC general membership or any board members not in attendance at the meeting.

SCCFC was also informed of the plans to have an informational brochure translated and printed for distribution in our local communities. The goal will be target kids in grades 6th-8th.

Aces Public-Private Initiative (APPI)

General members were provided with updates regarding the most recent site visit and retreat for the APPI. There will be a focus on data outcomes and positive anecdotes of community successes. Mathematica is the agency that will be working with five sites that have been selected for the APPI during this evaluation process, and the project will be reviewing the past ten years of programming and then projecting two years ahead. The anticipated outcomes from the APPI is the clarification of trends and outcomes for the programs in the areas of the five sites and hopefully this will help answer the question of “what can we do to address ACEs.” Lyndie is currently gathering data and information for any and all programs that have occurred in this county for the past ten years; she welcomes general members to inform her of programs they are aware of in the community as well.

Round Table

General members took the opportunity to share great things that are happening in the community:

- 11/22/13: ARGUS Auction at the Burlington Senior Center
- Samish Nation: established vocational rehabilitation services and will be helping tribal members have support during transitional phases; they are working with school; they are certified as employment center for SSI and SSDI persons
- CCS – participating in the Angel Tree project; staff will be doing a food/money drive outside of Fred Meyer this weekend
- Emerson – currently doing a food drive through December 16, 2013
- 12/5/2012: Nurse Family Partnership update: Frontiers of Innovation – exploring neurobiology presentation
- 1/2013: (second week) Developing Capable People will be offered in Sedro Woolley to parents, providers, teachers, and caregivers
- 1/7/2014: DV Training at Whatcom Library – free and includes lunch
- Stephen Wallinger is available to conduct trainings on job employment/interviewing (swallinger@nwpic.bellingham.wa.us)

Next SCCFC Meeting: December 18th (9:00-10:30am)