



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

SCCFC General Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2013

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

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Mosaic Project

Bob provided information about this amazing opportunity for community members and youth to collaborate on a Mosaic Project. There are several completed projects around the community to include: Sr. Center in Mt. Vernon, Co-op, SV/DVSAS, Mt. Vernon High School, etc. Meetings and planning have begun for the newest project, which may be displayed at Community Action (still to be determined). This year's project includes volunteers from both Burlington and Mt. Vernon High Schools. The projects typically take about 6 weeks and include close mentorship of the community and students. Each project culminates with an unveiling presentation and there is also a plaque posted that identifies who assisted with creating the art. The amazing thing about this community event, is that it is truly driven and maintained by the community. Most of the meetings occur at the Skagit Valley Community College Coffee Shop.

SCCFC Updates:

Drug Prevention – Pamphlet is being made regarding tips for parents for marijuana. The SCCFC hopes to have enough printed for all 7th and 8th graders to be available January 7th. Schools will be assisting with distribution and there will be a press release with links to the brochure and quick facts from the Liquor Control Board. Sedro Woolley School District is fully on board and will also be assisting with paying for costs associated with mailing the pamphlet to parents. SCCFC is still waiting for updates regarding other school districts.

Aces Public-Private Initiative (APPI)

Lyndie participated in more meetings and activities associated with the APPI. One of the projects was presented to the SCCFC general members regarding the timeline of growth since SCCFC first began in 1998. General members were amazed to see how SCCFC has been able to sustain itself over time, regardless of funding and contribute to the community needs. It became very apparent from the timeline, that we have finally been able to enter the year of evaluation for programs being offered in the community.

Round Table

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

- Leadership Skagit – this is a great group who is always looking for projects to engage in around our local community
- Parks and Recreation – will be hosting a training to help youth and community members apply online with the forest service; participants will need to bring their resume. This will occur from 5-9 at the Service Parks and Headquarters in Sedro Woolley.

- Samish Nation: has grown to offer services for healthcare, housing, TANF, education, daycare, voc-rehab, and IPA's to help with new insurance for any member of a federally recognized tribe
- Brigid Collins (Ramona Garcia-Slagle) – will be offering Spanish speaking support group every Wednesday and also hoping to start offering Darkness to Light in Spanish in March. Also hoping to have Parent helping Parent at Crossroads Covenant and having a family activity night with support from volunteers.
- Worksource is hosting a IPA healthcare session starting after the 1st of the year; this will give community members access to computers for online enrollment. Dates and times will be on the worksource calendar
- Poverty Simulation will be occurring January 17th at the Lutheran Church
- Advocacy Training – date is still to be determined
- Community Action will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary; brown bag for Affordable Housing Task Force January 16th at the Family Resource Center 12-1:00pm
- Community Action will also be hosting movies at the Lincoln Theater starting in February 2014
- Workforce Development Center is needing youth for their program
- Community Action and WorkSource are collaborating to offer online GED testing beginning in January
- Developing Capable People will be occurring in Sedro Woolley – starting January 15th; excellent program for providers, parents, teachers, etc.
- Nurse Family Partnership – is available for women who are experiencing their 1st pregnancy and present with low income (WIC eligible); there is no age limit; it involves intensive home visits until child is 2 years old.
- Skagit Circles – a new group will be starting in January; they meet every Thursday at the Burlington Lutheran Church. This group assists with money management and goal setting for families in our community

Next SCCFC Meeting: January 15, 2014 (9:00-10:30am)

Attendees:

Andy Wheeler, NWESD/Discovery
 Bob Hicks, Skagit Co. Community Services
 Brian Humphrey, WorkSource
 Diane Linnel, DSHS - CSO
 Heather Parker, Health Department
 Heidi Kennedy, DCFS
 Jenn Angelis, SWSD
 Jennifer Walton, Health Department
 Jodi Boon, Launching Success
 Kari Jellison, DCFS Family to Family

Kay Walter, SWSD
 Lyndie Case, SCCFC
 Lynn Christofersen, Community Action
 Mariah Brown-Pounds, Community Action
 Melisa Nelson, NW Workforce Council
 Ramona Garcia Slagle, Brigid Collins
 Robin Hoover, Skagit/Island Head Start
 TJ Larrick, Samish Indian Nation
 Wendi Thomas, NWESD 189