



Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

SCCFC General Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2013

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

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Featured Topic: The Raising of America

Meeting participants watched the preview of The Raising of America documentary series ([link here](#)). Afterwards, a sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers interested in collaborating with the Children's Council planning group to host events or community conversations around this upcoming documentary series. Jennifer Walton will be in touch with people who signed up.

SCCFC Updates

The March meeting will have a focus on underage drinking prevention. We are also organizing a forum for March that will be around marijuana legalization with a representative from the Washington State Liquor Control Board and the University of Washington.

Roundtable

Eric Holl (Emerson) – PAD, the overnight shelter in Bellingham, is hiring.

Melisa Nelson (WorkSource) – In-Person Assistors for the Health Benefit Exchange are available to help people looking to sign up for healthcare. There are a few upcoming events: Friday, Jan. 17th from 1 – 4, Friday, Jan. 24th from 4-8, and Sunday, Feb. 9th from 12-5.

Erin Smith (DVSAS) – DVSAS will be conducting a volunteer training in February. It is a 42 hour training on Saturdays and Tues/Thurs.

Benjamin Jojola (Samish Indian Nation) – TJ Larrick

Leslie Finch (SeaMar) – New groups are starting for parenting skills using the Nurturing Heart curriculum.

Brian Soneda (Mount Vernon Library) – On Jan, 22nd, Brian is going to the City Council for approval to hire a consultant to assist in improving the library. More information to come about this process.

Ramona Garcia Slagle (Brigid Collins) – Parent helping Parent support groups will begin at Crossroads on February 12th and will run Wednesday from 5 – 6:30. They are in need of volunteers for childcare (bilingual) and meals. Also – a Spanish version of Darkness to Light is coming soon!

Elizabeth Morgan (Brigid Collins) – Triple P and other parenting programs are taking referrals.

Jonna Zieber (Catholic Community Services) – Janet Simpson is transitioning to part time. The CCS staff will be moving to a team approach and shifting current roles and responsibilities. CCS is looking to expand treatment services from Whatcom into Skagit County. As a result of the

Dryfus lawsuit settlement, wraparound services SWIFT will be moving to WISE – more information to come.

Bob Hicks (Community Services) – There is work happening to start a pilot project to support people coming out of prison – the components would include housing, education, and other types of support.

Jennifer Walton (Health Department) – Nurse Family Partnership is still recruiting pregnant women for the program.

Jed Cates (Burlington Police Dept) – A group went to Yakima to look at youth gang court. They are currently looking to launch a youth recovery court in Burlington by April.

Brian Humphrey (WorkSource) – BRIAN IS RETIRING!!! Congratulation to Brian. He played a vital role in establishing and growing SCCFC! His contributions to SCCFC and the whole Skagit County community are immeasurable. He will be missed, but we all wish him well!

Closing Announcements

Substance Abuse Prevention Committee meeting: January 22nd from 2:30 -3:30 at United General Hospital's CHOP Conference Room.

Next SCCFC Meeting:

February 19, 2014 (9:00-10:30am)

Attendees:

Andy Wheeler, NWESD/Discovery
Benjamin Jojola, Samish Indian Nation
Bob Hicks, Skagit Co. Community Services
Brian Soneda, Mount Vernon Library
Celeste Frisbee, United General Hospital
Diane Linnel, DSHS – CSO
Elizabeth Morgan, Brigid Collins
Eric Holl, NWESD/Emerson HS
Erin Smith, DVSAS
Jed Cates, Burlington Police Department
Jenn Angelis, SWSD
Jennifer Walton, Health Department

Jodi Boon, Launching Success
Jonna Zeiber, Catholic Community Services
Kay Walter, Sedro-Woolley SD
Leslie Finch, SeaMar
Lyndie Case, SCCFC
Lynn Christofersen, Community Action
Melisa Nelson, NW Workforce Council
Ramona Garcia Slagle, Brigid Collins
Robin Hoover, Skagit/Island Head Start
Wendi Thomas, NWESD Prevention Center