



## Skagit County Child and Family Consortium

### SCCFC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2014

Location: Skagit County Public Health and Community Services

Time: 11:30am-1:15pm

Participants: Andrew Wheeler (president), Eric Holl (treasurer), Heather Parker (member at large), Jennifer Walton (member at large), Bob Hicks (ex-officio), Lyndie Case (coordinator), Kari Jellison (secretary)

#### Updates

1. Data Carousel

Executive Board was informed that a presentation regarding the Data Carousel will not occur in October, as the presenters had expressed wanting to take the opportunity to have a clearer presentation with more information for the general membership; they will be looking at presenting later in the year or early next year.

2. ACE's/NEAR

NEAR (Neurobiology Epigenetics ACEs Resiliency) informational forum is being put together; the targeted audience will be individuals who can and will take information from this forum and share it with community stakeholders to generate conversations and motivation for future trainings that will provide more in-depth information about NEAR in our communities.

3. Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

Executive Board discussed the objectives within this committee and ways to increase community participation/representation. It was identified that at this time, targeted participants would ideally be professionals in this community with a passion for youth and the prevention of use/abuse of substances. Executive Board members provided suggestions of professionals/agencies to contact, who could provide expertise and ideas of how to best approach this conversation in our local communities. There has been a change, with the legalization of THC, regarding attitudes about use/abuse of marijuana across all ages in our communities. Currently this group is working on putting together a Town Hall for the community.

4. HIDTA Report and Funding

Executive Board was provided with update regarding these funds and what they are being utilized for currently. The remaining funds are being distributed for Strengthening Families Program in Concrete, and will be fully utilized prior to December. Future plans for the HIDTA funding will include Strengthening Families in Sedro Woolley in 2015.

#### Communications Planning

1. SCCFC Power Point Presentation

Lyndie shared with the Executive Board members SCCFC Power Point Presentation, and requested feedback on any changes related to appearance or content. Purpose of this presentation is to identify other ways that funding resources can be generated to continue projects within the community that meet the vision, mission, and purpose of SCCFC and to also expand the diversity of representation in the general membership. The presentation is an overview of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies of SCCFC and ends with identifying events that have been successfully completed through SCCFC within our local communities (i.e. forums, workshops, educational events, etc.).

2. Develop List of venues/targeted audiences

Discussed targeted audiences for the SCCFC Power Point Presentation; these included both targets of increasing general membership and potential funding resources. Executive Board generated preliminary list after reviewing current list of general members: Skagit Recovery, Phoenix, United Way, Community Action, Hospital Boards, City Councils, County Board, service groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, Soroptomist, etc.), PTA's, Chamber of Commerce, Tierra Nueva, Local Tribes (Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Samish, etc.), Sunrise Mental Health, Compass Health, SEAMAR, etc. Executive Board members will be identifying lead contact persons for scheduling presentations.

### **Community Health Planning**

1. Expanding Awareness

Presentation by David Jefferson will occur during the October meeting this year in place of the Data Carousel presentation. David is trying to get a clear picture of what coalitions/groups are meeting and available in Skagit County; information will be compiled and identifying missions/goals/objectives among these groups.

2. NSACH (North Sound Accountability Community Health)

Currently survey out that explore programs throughout the county, and to identify what programs may be needed and/or of the existing programs how they may need support to flourish. This group is looking into creating a Health Advisory and have been encouraged to consider if a similar group already exists within the community, so that efforts are not duplicated. Skagit County Alliance Health Advocates (SCAHA) is also affiliated with NSACH.

### **APPI**

1. Enhancing Partnerships

Casey Foundation and the Alliance (University of Washington (UW) training department for Children's Administration (CA)) contacted SCCFC to explore relationship between CA and the APPI sites. Discussed ability to provide trainings/supports to foster caregivers, relative caregivers, birth parents, step parents, etc. Lyndie was able to share with them that CA attends general membership meetings regularly, has a representative that sits on the board, is an advisory board for family to family, and has engaged in discussions about how SCCFC can/has been a resource for families working with CA (i.e. cultural festival, trainings on ACEs, etc.). Kari will provide Lyndie with contact information for the foster parent liaison, who coordinates monthly foster/relative caregiver support meetings, and Lyndie is also going to be in contact with other agencies that do licensing of caregivers (i.e. Olive Crest, Secret Harbor, Catholic Community Services, etc.).

### **Misc. Discussions**

1. Up and Coming

- a. Drug Task Force in La Conner – they will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting October 15; Lyndie is trying to help stay connected with this group to help explore how the SCCFC may be a resource/support
- b. Impacts of Privatization – presentation in December (date to be determined) in the morning (9-12ish) to discuss available data. Presentation would be led by Dr. Julia Dilly (Epidemiologist). May also include information regarding CANS presentation from youth in Concrete who gathered information on where ads and items were located in stores/business regarding alcohol and tobacco. For general membership engagement, plan to have small break out groups provide responses to questions.
- c. Healthy Youth Survey – being provided this fall in schools (many schools are doing them in the month of October). Executive Board Members would like to see the HYS to get an idea of what types of questions are being asked to measure these trends; Eric Holl will bring a copy for the team to review.

### **Business**

1. October Agenda:

- Community Health Planning (David Jefferson)
- Program Updates

2. Review Minutes

Lyndie is working on minutes from September General Membership, and will e-mail to board members for review and approval

3. Budget Review

No new updates.

Next Board Meeting: November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-11:30am

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