



**Skagit County Child and Family Consortium**

SCCFC General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2014

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

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

**Featured Topic: Family Assessment Response (FAR)**

Heidi Kennedy presented about the upcoming changes within DSHS's CPS department with the implementation of the FAR program. She reviewed current statistics and methods of a CPS response and explained that, when implemented, FAR will be one of the two pathways of a CPS response. As of July 14, 2014, if an allegation meets the legal definition of abuse and neglect and is screened in for a response, a screening tool will be used to determine if there will be a traditional-type investigation or if there will be a Family Assessment Response (FAR). Please see [www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/about/far.asp](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/about/far.asp) for the FAR brochure.

**SCCFC Updates**

The Substance Abuse Prevention Committee will be debriefing the Underage Drinking meeting and the Marijuana Forum. If you have thoughts/ideas to contribute, please either plan to attend the Committee meeting or forward your thoughts to Lyndie.

**Roundtable**

Melisa Nelson (WorkSource) – There are a few upcoming events: OIC Orientation and HOT (Hands-on training) Tour, April 22, 23. Information will be sent out.

Malinda Bjoaland (NWC) – They are currently working on a grant for long-term (27 weeks or longer) unemployment services. More info to come.

Tammy Dee (Mount Vernon High School) – She is starting a sexual assault prevention and awareness group with Skagit DVSAS.

Sharon Wickman-Foxwell (Skagit Detention) – She is the transition facilitator with Skagit Detention and can work with students for up to 90 days.

Rebecca Peterson (Recovery Wellness – CCS) – They are still working to start up and receive referrals, but have had their first client success.

Leslie Finch (SeaMar) – Leslie has accepted a position in Whatcom County. We will miss Leslie's energy and enthusiasm in Skagit and around our table. Whatcom has gained a great advocate!

Julia VanPutten (PCAP) – PCAP is hiring a case worker.

Heather Parker (NFP) – Nurse-Family Partnership is open for referrals.

Jodi Boon (Launching Success) – Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Day at Launching Success

Ramona Garcia Slagle (Brigid Collins) – She is working with Children of the Valley to partner and provide parenting support.

Jodie DesBiens (NWESD Prevention Center) – They recently hired a new behavioral health case worker. Treatment is full in Anacortes and Sedro-Woolley, but is available for Concrete and LaConner.

Brian Soneda (Mount Vernon Library) – The Friends of the Library book sale is on April 25 & 26. Volunteers needed! The needs assessment for the library is on-going.

Janice Condrin (YouthNet, Emerson) – The Latino Community Resource Team meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Bethany Covenant.

### **Closing Announcements**

- Linda Nelson Community Champion Award Nominations due April 30th
- Substance Abuse Prevention Committee meeting: Third Wednesday of each month from 2:30 -3:30 at United General District's CHOP Conference Room.

**Next SCCFC Meeting:** May 21, 2014 (9:00-10:30am)

### **Member Attendees:**

Andy Wheeler, NWESD/Discovery  
Benjamin Jojola, Samish Indian Nation  
Brian Soneda, Mount Vernon Library  
Diane Linnel, DSHS – CSO  
Eric Holl, NWESD/Emerson HS  
Heather Parker, Skagit County NFP  
Heidi Kennedy, DCFS FAR  
Janice Condrin, Youthnet/Emerson  
Jed Cates, Burlington Police Department  
Jenn Angelis, SWSD

Jennifer Walton, Skagit County  
Jodi Boon, Launching Success  
Jodie DesBiens, NWESD  
Kari Jellison, DCFS Family to Family  
Kaye Chapman, Community Member  
Leslie Finch, SeaMar  
Lyndie Case, SCCFC  
Melisa Nelson, NW Workforce Council  
Ramona Garcia Slagle, Brigid Collins  
Robin Hoover, Skagit/Island Head Start

### **Guest Attendees:**

Julia VanPutten, PCAP, Skagit Recovery  
Kat Mattix, PCAP, Skagit Recovery  
Rebecca Peterson, Recovery Wellness  
Tammy Dee, Mount Vernon High School  
Sharon Wickham-Foxwell, Skagit Detention  
Kim Irish, SIHS

Charisse Scheer, SIHS  
Anita Perez, Community Action  
Charlene McPherson, PCAP Skagit  
Recovery  
Malinda Bjoaland, NWC  
Ray Soriano, Head Start

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### **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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