

Skagit County Child & Family Consortium
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2006
9:00am – 10:30am

1.) Capacity Building:

- a. Poster update:
 - i. The first 10 minutes were spent reviewing the list of organizations and coalitions who have attended SCCFC in the past
 - ii. Two other lists were made of groups that should be added and groups that should be omitted due to lack of functioning
 - iii. The lists were then read off to see if there was anyone present at the meeting who represented any of the groups
- b. Everyone was then split up in to groups to discuss why their organization should be attending the meeting
- c. “Elevator speeches” were created. These were what the groups came up with:
 - i. **Group 1:** Forming Partnerships to strengthen existing resources. Avoid duplication and creating a clearinghouse to strengthen resources. Identify gaps in services and be able to articulately inform colleagues of resources represented within the consortium.
 - ii. **Group 2:** Mother of all youth and family committees through collaboration and maximization, not duplication. Be aware of trends, develop new programs, establish new connections, promote best practices, and identify support and funding for existing and new projects.
 - iii. **Group 3:** Opportunity to network, avoid duplication of efforts, be a voice for underrepresented groups, guide service planning and coordination, and share data/research (best practices/evidence-based) to support programs/grants.
 - iv. **Group 4:** Identify trends and gaps, collaborate and plan for future needs, get and obtain information to build capacity.
- d. Action plan to recruit and contact missing groups;
 - i. Lyndie agreed to make a spreadsheet of groups sorted by region. She will e-mail this to the group and people can fill who they represent, if any.
 - ii. The school districts were found to be a strong need for representation in the consortium
 1. Janice agreed to contact the school districts in Mt. Vernon to encourage participation
 2. Sherry Cook Blodgett was identified as an important community worker in Concrete who should also be invited to join the consortium
 - iii. The group determined to wait and see the results of the spreadsheet before creating a recruitment plan

2.) Gang Prevention Workshop Update

- a. Overview
 - i. Two gang prevention experts came up from Salinas for a two day training
 - ii. The second day community representatives were invited to attend
 - iii. Awareness was brought to stakeholders, which helped decrease the denial of the problem
 - iv. Skagit County mostly has Latino gangs
- b. How can the consortium be involved?
 - i. Need to identify how to better serve gang involved youth and their families
 - ii. It was agreed that there needs to be community level solutions that provide parent services and school bonding
 - iii. In January the SCCFC would like to play the video used at the workshop
 - iv. People to invite to future SCCFC events
 1. Dr. Jorge Partida
 2. Gabe Moralis

3.) Program Updates:

Nancy Brown informed the group that the YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter is in need of support and funding

4.) Next Meeting:

December 20th – 9:00am - 10:30am

We will continue to work with the spreadsheet of participants for capacity building and create a recruitment action plan.