



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 14, 2009, 6:00 pm

Location: Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Kent, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Jan Carlson	Karin Schuyleman	Cynthia Chandler
	Margie Staulcup	Jordan Jacobson	
Fiduciary	Lt. Jon Straus	Jennifer Cooper	DeDe White
	Venus Talarico	Ralph Talarico	

Board members excused: Ada Daniels Marti Steindl Abby White
Kim Bennett Eric Daniels Paula Joneli
Rose Marie Borchers Lora Dear

Guests present: None

Staff members present: Dianne Heide

Call to order – Vice-Chair Venus Talarico called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Announcements

Dianne reported that Lora Dear has resigned from the Board. Lora was sad to leave the SKCCN but her job requires more of her time. Lora hopes to rejoin the Board in the future.

Approval of August 12 and September 9 Minutes

Motion 1 Cynthia moved to approve the August 12 and September 9 Board minutes as presented.
Second by Jan. The motion passed.

Election of Board Chair

Lora Dear's resignation left the position of Board Chair vacant. Venus Talarico is unable to step into the position due to health issues – both hers and Ralph's. Dianne reminded the Board that this is a critical time. Whoever takes on the role of Board Chair is facing a lot of work in the next few months – Community Context report, Statement of Work, End of Project Summaries etc are all due October 31. In conversations with others Dianne believes the Family Policy Council has concerns about the operation of the SKCCN and whoever takes the role of Board Chair is going to need to work through all of the issues.

Cynthia Chandler voiced her willingness to take on the challenge but wanted the Board to know she has applied for a job in the tri-cities and if hired will be moving in the next six weeks. The Board discussed this at length and decided that if Cynthia was willing to get them through the reporting cycle and work through issues with the FPC they could accept that Cynthia's term might be short.

Motion 2 Jennifer moved to appoint Cynthia Chandler as Board Chair for the remainder of the 2009-10 term. Second by Jan. The motion passed.

Data Report for Community Context

Dianne and Jennifer presented a data addendum that will be attached to the revised Community Context report. The report will fill the requirement that the SKCCN base decisions on data that shows the logic in our work.

The Board found the data very interesting – especially the information on suicides and details about the current status in Enumclaw. They had concerns that the survey is based on “self-reporting” which in many instances means under-reporting. They also wondered how to find data on co-occurring incidents – how many children are facing domestic violence PLUS child abuse PLUS other issues that are causing them to consider dropout OR suicide OR another avenue.

Stats about South King County population were also very interesting. It was an eye opener to realize that South King has a larger population than Seattle and that 43% of current King County school enrollment is in South King schools. The information on Highline Schools and how many kids are not ready for school was also interesting.

Everyone agreed that this data supported their decision to change focus for 2009-11.

End of Project Summaries

Board Development

Lora Dear was unable to attend but wanted the Board to know she was working on this report and would finish it by the October 28 meeting for Board discussion.

Training of Professionals

Dianne provided the Board with a preliminary report. She had the report outlined and had completed the section on the 2008 Conference. There were three main “Result Indicators” in the agreed Service Report:

1. Participants will hear ideas they can apply in their own practices.
2. Participants will understand the barriers for victims seeking services
3. Participants will make connections with other providers.

Dianne decided the best way to show this was through both narrative and providing evaluation results for each of the sessions in both Conferences. This turned out to be a lot of work but the result provides a clear picture of what knowledge the participants reported they got out of the sessions. The Board liked the honesty included in the report. The story of the problems with the keynote address by Dr. Kleiner in 2008 and the controversy over bringing Dr. Anda to the Conference to discuss ACES were lessons learned that the Board felt should be included.

Dianne asked the Board if she completed the report for 2009 using the same format as she used for 2008 – would they be able to accept that for submittal to the FPC. The answer was yes.

2009-11 Focus and Theory of Change

Focus Areas

The Board considered the problem behaviors for their focus in 2009-11. Everyone easily agreed that the SKCCN focus on domestic violence should continue – the SKCCN was one of the first agencies to take on childhood exposure and the Board agreed that it was a good link to Healthy Youth Development (HYD).

The second choice made was youth violence. The Board considered the continuing focus on teen dating violence/healthy relationships in making this decision. Mentoring and assisting a child to build good self esteem were strategies the Board felt would be important to this focus – if children are not getting the supports they need at home the community needs to find ways to provide it elsewhere. Our new youth rep, Jordan, related that when there are “bullying” discussions in the schools the kids think it is a joke and don’t see the seriousness of the problem. The Board will need to find ways to open discussions with youth that everyone can take seriously.

The third focus area was more difficult to pick. Both dropout and teen suicide were important to the HYD work. The question “What is the nature of violence?” was the root of the conversation. The Board felt there was a direct link between youth violence and teen suicide PLUS a link to mental health. It was also important to note that the other King County Networks have a focus on teen suicide which provides a way to learn and partner with sister Networks. Plus the data from the Healthy Youth Survey was strongest in relation to teen suicide. Some discussion of only having two focus areas took place but a review of the bylaws showed a requirement to have three areas of focus. The final choice was teen suicide.

Motion 3 Margie moved to focus SKCCN efforts in 2009-11 on the three specific problem areas of youth violence, domestic violence and teen suicide. Second by Venus. The motion passed.

Theory of Change

The Board had asked Jennifer and Dianne to update the 2007-09 Theory to reflect current conversations for Board consideration in October. Jennifer and Dianne provided the following:

Children exposed to adverse childhood experiences are at much higher risk of perpetrating violence, suicide and other problem behaviors. Yet, many of these children go on to lead healthy lives. Research tells us that by taking a strength-based approach children can be helped to build resilience and, thereby, create protective factors that break the cycle. Children's futures are greatly enhanced by facilitating their relationships with other significant people in their lives. Uncovering children's specific needs will help improve the community responses.

The Board liked this wording and felt it fit with the current focus.

Motion 4 Karin moved to accept this Theory of Change. Second by Jan. The motion passed.

Statement of Work

Population

The Board next considered the "population" for their work. Another difficult decision to make! Did the Board want to focus on K-12? Would including younger children in the focus create more work than the Board can take on? How would SKCCN reporting look with K-12? Are we justified in focusing just on teens? These were all of the questions that were part of the Boards discussion.

A move to 10-18 year olds was considered. Some Board members pointed out that even pre-schools have bullies – biters – hitters. Building resiliency factors are important even at the early age but the Board needed to focus if it was going to make progress. If the Board decided to put teens 10-18 in the paperwork it wouldn't stop them from adding children 5-10 later if success showed the capacity to expand BUT if they picked to broadly they could fail which would let down the entire community. It was pointed out that if the Board decided to work with teen parents around parenting as one of the strategies it could link to domestic violence, youth violence and build resiliency in a small population of young children. Everyone knew that former Board member, Jean Hueston, would be disappointed in this choice. The final choice was "Families with Children 10-18".

Work Assignments

The Board next considered how to get the volume of work done that needed to be completed by October 31. The following assignments were made:

Statement of Work	Cynthia Chandler, Jan Carlson, Abby White
Community Context Update	Jennifer Cooper
EPS Board Development	Lora Dear
EPS Training of Professionals	Dianne Heide
EPS Collaborations/Partnerships	Jennifer Cooper, Margie Staulcup, Karin Schuyleman
EPS Targeted Audiences	Dianne Heide
EPS Review of Comm. Efforts	Venus & Ralph Talarico
Service Report	TBD by Executive Committee

The Board will also hold a second October meeting on the 28th. Jon Strauss offered to host the meeting at the Kent PD and provide pizza for everyone. THANKS JON!!!

Walk-A-Thon

Dianne reminded everyone that the Walk-A-Thon was Saturday and volunteers were asked to arrive by 8 am. The SKCCN Board will be taking the lead in sign-in and handling all money.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:15