



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 11, 2009, 6:00 pm

Location: Rainier Golf & Country Club, Seattle, WA

Board members present:

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| Non-Fiduciary | Karin Schuyleman | Cynthia Chandler | Margie Staulcup |
| Fiduciary | Lora Dear | Jennifer Cooper | Venus Talarico |
| | Ralph Talarico | | |

Board members excused: Ada Daniels Eric Daniels Jan Carlson
Marti Steindl Abby White Jon Strauss
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Guests present: None

Staff members present: Dianne Heide

Call to order – Chair Cynthia Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

Quorum – There was not a quorum.

Announcements

Dianne reported that the Family Policy Council is hosting a regional gathering on Monday, November 16 in Tacoma. Any Board members who would like to attend should let her know ASAP so she can RSVP.

Margie wanted everyone to know she has moved to Normandy Park and provided her new address.

Approval of October 28 Minutes

Due to lack of quorum no action was taken.

Executive Committee Meeting with Laura Porter, Staff Director, FPC

Cynthia reported on the November 2, 2009 meeting with Ms. Porter.

- Monthly Conditional Approved Statement of Work – The group was informed that as long as the FPC knows what the SKCCN is doing and the steps being taken to meet expectations the SKCCN will have a month-to-month conditional approval. Ms. Porter indicated she was more worried about the having a final Statement of Work and Service Reports than the 2007-09 End of Project Summaries.
- Staffing Contract – Ms. Porter was concerned that the Board had not gone through a bidding process before re-hiring Dianne for 2009-10. This was agreed upon by the Board and FPC late in 2008 and was suppose to have happened in 2009. The Executive Committee members explained that because of funding issues with the state budget, changes in leadership, losing one long time staff member there just was not enough time. Once a Statement of Work and Service Reports are approved so the Board can write an accurate job description the SKCCN Board is committed to taking this step. Dianne reported that she is ready and willing to assist the Board in this effort and wanted everyone to know she understands the Boards responsibility to be fiscally responsible with tax payer money. Some discussion was held ie status for SKCCN staff members ie are they “contractors” or “employees”. In the past the Board had discussed the option of changing the system so that staff members would be paid as “employees” but at present they are being paid as “contractors”. The change to “employee” status could be a liability issue so Ralph suggested the Board not make that move at this time. According to the FPC, staffers around the state are about 60% “contractors” and 40% “employees”.

- Emails to Laura Porter – Ms. Porter expressed concern about emails coming to her from Dianne. She felt that in some cases Dianne was asking for advance approval on planning documents. Ms. Porter was concerned that these ideas were coming from Dianne and not from the Board which could indicate that Dianne is leading the Board. Dianne explained to the Board that she must not have made herself clear in the emails but in actual fact she was emailing ideas from Board members as per requests from the Board for information. In future all emails will either be sent by Board members or cc'd to the Executive Committee so Ms. Porter is comfortable that the Board is aware of the discussions.
- End of Project Summaries – As stated above the FPC was not concerned about the End of Project Summaries at this time.
- Network Issues – There are several issues that the SKCCN need to address according to the FPC. The FPC wants to see some indication that the work being done mirrors the community need. They are beginning to recognize that many battles within the SKCCN Board and in the community could represent how the South King County community works. The SKCCN needs to find a way to stabilize the Board in 2009-11 but also must realize that forced collaboration doesn't work as with the S&A Audit. To be successful in 2009-10 the Board will need to find the "fire" and work to put it out.
- Work Schedule – Ms. Porter provided a calendar that could be used to guide the work of the Board through the next biennium. Dianne reported that the Board had been provided with the same calendar in January of 2009.

The conversation with Ms. Porter was concerning to the Board. Some members felt it was time to let the FPC know that this is OUR Board. We need to get stronger – not lose the battle but make a statement. The Board also needs to get committed to the 501 and start doing some fundraising to assure a future.

End of Project Summaries – Collaborations and Partnerships & Review of Community Efforts

The Board was provided with copies of the reports for review. Since there was no quorum the reports will be sent to the FPC as per a Board vote in October that gave the Executive Committee authority to approve the reports.

Service Report Options

Dianne reported she is moving forward with Service Reports for Board Development and Affiliate Network Creation using the directives from the Board and Executive Committee in earlier conversations. Until the FPC informs the SKCCN about the status of the Statement of Work the documents cannot be finalized.

SKCCN Offices

Cynthia met with Mike Heinish, Executive Director of Kent Youth & Family Services(KYFS), about the SKCCN office rent. Mr. Heinish indicated that KYFS was willing to work with the Board on rent. He believes in the Network philosophy but cannot continue to provide free rent stating that if he does that for the SKCCN he is going to be asked to do that for the other non-profits that rent space in the KYFS building. He asked for the SKCCN to talk over the budget and provide a figure that would work for the SKCCN. An offer of \$225 per month was submitted and the Board is waiting for a response.

Fundraising

Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:10