



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 14, 2007, 5:00 pm

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Trisha Blomquist	Karin Schuyleman	Lora Dear
	Margie Staulcup	Betty Nomura	
Fiduciary	Marsha Medgard	Venus Talarico	Ralph Talarico (Alt)

Board members excused: Lela Brugger Kim Bennett DeDe White
Don Lincoln

Guests present: Rebecca Holderman

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna Cyndy Bracelen
Jennifer Cooper

Call to order – Secretary Margie Staulcup called the meeting to order at 5:15

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Agenda – Approved with the addition of a special discussion concerning the Covington DVTF

Approval of SOW and Service Reports

Denese reported that the Family Policy Council approved the SKCCN's Statement of Work (SOW) and five Service Reports. The creation of the SOW and Service Reports was a huge task. The Board worked hard to reach this point and was reminded that last biennium it took three tries. The Board took a moment to celebrate and toast each other with Sparkling Cider.

Adopt a Family

Jennifer asked the Board if they would like to participate in the Adopt a Family Program being hosted by the YWCA. The program provides information about families that need assistance with details about sizes, color and requests. The Board would then provide the items requested. Everyone on the Board thought this was a great idea and asked Jennifer to sign up the SKCCN and send information about what to purchase.

Approval of October 10 Minutes

Motion 1 Trisha moved to **approve the September 12 minutes with changes.** Second by Marsha.
The motion passed.

Finance Committee – Appointment of New Treasurer

The Board was informed that Treasurer Kristin Gauthier has taken a new job in Everett and moved closer to her job. Since Kristin is no longer living in the SKCCN service area she cannot serve on the Board. Margie reported that the Executive Committee recommended the Board appoint Trisha Blomquist to the position.

Motion 2 Betty moved to **appoint Trisha Blomquist to as SKCCN Treasurer.** Second by Lora.
The motion passed.

Finance Committee – Final Approval of the 2007-09 Budget

The Finance Committee provided the Board with a final version of the budget for 2007-09 and asked for approval. Some changes were made to the original draft budget and they included:

- The staffing contract with Denese Bohanna was reduced from 32 hours per week to 28 hours per week. This change was made at the request of Denese with the request that the savings be budgeted to use as a stipend for an intern from the UofW School of Social Work of \$500 per month. After the stipend there will be an additional \$5000 available that will be used to support sending the intern to Family Policy Council and other appropriate training opportunities.
- Money from uncommitted funds was moved into the Collaboration & Partnerships budget to cover additional costs for the Safety & Accountability Audit process. The staffing and S&A Audit budgets were both increased.
- Money included in the Collaboration & Partnerships budget that was earmarked for Financial Supports for Events & Programs was moved to a new budget line item for Training of Professionals – Children’s DV Conference.
- Money in the Targeted Audience budget for Trainers was also moved into the new line item for Training of Professionals along with some of the staffing budget.
- A budget line item in the Targeted Audience budget for Dating Violence Youth Grants was created using money from the uncommitted money.

Motion 3 Trisha moved to approve the proposed 2007-09 budget as presented. Second by Lora. The motion passed.

Finance Committee – Biennial Spending

Trisha reminded everyone that the Family Policy Council is now required to spend 50% of the biennial budget in each year of the biennium. The larger Networks are expected to take the lead in this effort which means the SKCCN must find ways to comply. After considering options, staff recommended that each committee be asked to keep close track of their budgets and get moving on the projects included in the newly approved SOW and Service Reports. We can no longer do most of our work in the second year of the biennium.

Denese reported that King County will be providing \$5000 in supports for the Safety & Accountability Audit training effort in February. Praxis will even be sending two trainers for the price of one.

SKCCN Recognition Awards

In the fall of 2006 the SKCCN awarded Brian Wilson (police chief in Federal Way) with a Children’s Champion Recognition Award. At that time the SKCCN discussed making this award a regular effort of the SKCCN and appointed a committee to discuss purpose, criteria and timing. The Committee met in April of 2007 but end of biennium business and writing the 2007-09 plan delayed a report to the Board. The committee discussion included:

Purpose of Award: To recognize people or organizations that really focus on the needs of children and increase the visibility for SKCCN

Possible Criteria for Awards

1. Goes above and beyond the call of duty
2. Demonstrates sustained effort over a long period of time
3. Leadership that raises awareness for children and galvanizes action for children
4. Increases resources for children
5. Provides hands on work with children
6. Sparks innovation through creative thinking
7. Created a notable impact on the community response to children exposed to DV

When to Give the Award:

1. Keep the award open ended and give whenever the situation arises and/or
2. Team with King County Coalition or other organization when appropriate

The Board discussed the idea further and suggested that this would be a great idea to tie to another SKCCN event such as a banquet or silent auction. However, no consensus was reached on whether the award should be an annual event or given only when a community member does something exceptional that requires special recognition. The presentation of the award could be used to raise community awareness of domestic violence so it should be done during an event that would allow for media coverage – a tie with the Walk-A-Thon was discussed as a good time for the award. Dianne will discuss the award with the members of the DVTF Regional Collaborative.

Motion 4 Betty moved to approve the creation of a **Children's Champion Recognition Award for a deserving person in the community.** Second by Venus. The motion passed.

Review of FPC Work Calendar

Tabled until December.

Training Reports – Women's Spirit Coalition – Native American Domestic Violence Conference

Kim and Dianne thanked the Board allowing them to attend this Conference. It was a wonderful experience and they suggested it be included in the training schedule for 2008. Some of the statistics provided were appalling:

- 92% of American Indian girls who have had sexual intercourse reported having been forced against their will to have sex.
- 67% of those girls reported to have been pregnant by the end of the 12 grade.
- 70% of teens think it is OK for their partner to spread lies about their relationship.
- The incidence of rape in the American Indian community is 3.5 times higher than among other communities.
- One in three Native American women report they have been sexually assaulted. These incidents are rarely reported so there are no arrests or convictions. One reason is the high probability that the offender will be in some way related to the police because of the small size of the community.

These statistics are one reason that sexual assault and domestic violence have been normalized in the Native American culture. Young women expect to be violated because "that is the way it is!" This attitude is appalling to many elders. They report that historically violence against women was not accepted by the tribe and the penalty could be death. Most offenders were shunned by the tribe and their little fingers were removed so that other tribes would not take in the offender.

Kim and Dianne were surprised that the discussions were about how to help the family to heal. They have identified that most of the men in their culture have also been abused sexually and believe that this is a cause of the violence. Counselors are working with traditional techniques such as sweat lodges to "cleanse" the spirits and help each other to overcome the violence that is rampant. This is a community that honors the family unit and wants to preserve it. One important thing to remember is that the majority of the violence perpetrated against individuals has traditionally come from outside the Native American community.

Kim and Dianne found all of the information at this Conference very interesting and learned a lot and suggested that some of the people they met be invited to come as speakers to the SKCCN Board. They suggested the following next steps from this conference:

- Bring David Scott to an SKCCN Board meeting. David is a counselor working with Native American offenders in Idaho.
- Setup a special event for the Board to view "Tough Guise" and perhaps have one of the presenters we spoke with at the Conference join us.
- Get more information from the Portland group about their curriculum for working with youth around teen dating violence
- Invite Larry McKnight from the Washington State AG office to speak to the SKCCN Board.

Training Reports – FPC Summit and Pegasus Conference

Each member of the team attending the Conference was given a few minutes to tell the Board about what they felt was most important at the Conferences:

Trisha – Was drawn in by the Communication Café. One of the men at the session she attended commented on the purple shirt being worn by another man in the room and asked why he was wearing it. This led Trisha into reflecting on the many strategies she had learned at the conference about systems building in the community and caused her to remember a book called "Harold and the Purple Crayon". The book is about a little boy with a purple crayon who draws his own world. Trisha brought several copies of the book as a gift to her fellow Board members and will make sure each Board member gets one in December.

Margie – Was most excited about a group that she joined that was working on Presencing. Presencing is a philosophy that talks about how we can each learn from the future as it emerges. Margie spent an exciting time writing a poem with this group. A piece of paper was passed around the group and each person wrote a few lines

of the poem. No one knew what the final piece would look like or be about but the final result was a beautiful poem. The experience was exciting to Margie.

Jennifer – As advertised the “renowned troubadour, author, entrepreneur and ecology advocate once called “the most popular children’s entertainer in the western world” by the Washington Post” Raffi Cavoukian attended the conference. Raffi’s word and song presentation was an affirmation of his passion for creating a restorative, child-friendly world for ourselves and generations to come. Jennifer was so impressed with the “adult” friendly music the artist is now offering that she purchased the CD and played one of her favorite songs for the Board.

Dianne – Peter Senge caught Dianne’s attention and she was surprised to learn that each member of the SKCCN team had written down the same quote from his presentation. “When one human being tells another human being what is real – what they are actually doing is making a demand for obedience.” She found the words profound and is still pondering the underlying meaning. The other session that interested Dianne was on Organizational Learning. At a later Board meeting, she will work with the Board to recreate an exercise that will help us learn about each other.

Denese – Denese reported that there was so much to talk about that she could not do it in just three minutes. She will work on something for a future Board meeting.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Denese made a request that members of the SKCCN Board join the S&A Audit team and provided a flyer with information.

Meeting adjourned – 7:10

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date