



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 19, 2008, 5:00 pm

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Dawn Cherne Karin Schuyleman Abby White	Kim Bennett Lora Dear	Paula Joneli Margie Staulcup
Fiduciary	Don Lincoln Ralph Talarico	Beth Adams	Venus Talarico

Board members excused: David Zehner
Barb Little
Eric Daniels
Marsha Medgard
DeDe White
Vyrn Muir

Guests present: Kerry Annette Wade

Staff members present: Dianne Heide
Denese Bohanna
Cyndy Schrage

Call to order –Chair Don Lincoln called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Approval of August 13, September 10 and October 8 Minutes

No action was taken.

Board Resignations

Don reported that Marsha Medgard, Vyrn Muir, Trisha Blomquist and Kim Bennett have resigned from the SKCCN Board. Don did not read the resignations to the Board since all resignations were sent via email and were cc'd to each member of the Board except for the resignation from Vyrn Muir. Vyrn resigned from the Board because according to the bylaws he was no longer an eligible Board member. Dianne explained that Vyrn was appointed as a fiduciary member because he lived in Issaquah and worked in Covington. Since his job in Covington had ended and he had not found another position in South King County he was no longer a legal Board member. As per SKCCN Bylaws the resignations will become final on December 10, 2008 if not withdrawn in writing before that time. *Note: Kim Bennett withdrew her resignation before December 10, 2008.*

Legislative Update

Denese handed out a briefing paper from the Family Policy Council for use during the legislative session. Funding for Family Policy Council and Community Networks is at risk due to the budget deficit. The briefing paper shows that communities with Community Networks are showing good results. There were three main findings:

1. Among counties with state-funded Community Networks, overall severity of problems decreased or remained stable while they worsened for those counties without state-funded Networks
2. Among counties with state-funded Community Networks, the higher the average community capacity, the larger the number of better-than-state trends in rates of locally prioritized child and family problems, like child abuse, youth substance abuse and dropping out of school.
3. Counties that achieved more improvements in community capacity during this period achieved greater reductions in the overall severity of child/family problems by the end of this period.

This information supports the refunding of Community Networks and it was hoped Board members would put the information to good use by speaking with their legislators about the need to continue funding.

Dianne reported that she had ordered enough of the reports to allow each Board member to take three copies – that way they would have one for each of the legislators in their district.

The Family Policy Council hosted a conference call to discuss the Governors budget and Dianne participated. The Governor builds a budget after getting recommendations from POG's (Priority of Government) Committees. Each POG has a special focus such as Health & Human Services, Transportation, Education etc. The POG for Health & Human Services has recommended no continued funding for Community Networks. Not being in the Governors budget is not unusual and Community Networks have had to fight for continued funding and won in past bienniums. This is a different situation because this is the first time the state has faced a deficit of over \$5 million. Each Board member will be asked to contact their legislators and pitch a case for including Community Networks in the Senate and House budgets if we are to continue our work in 2009-11. It was suggested that each Board member should ask friends, family and co-workers to contact the governors office right away and ask to have Family Policy Council Community Networks included in the Governors budget.

Training Reports

Board and staff members that have attended trainings in the last several months were asked to provide a quick report about what they learned.

Both the Family Policy Council Retreat and the Women's Spirit Coalition trainings focused on mapping during their sessions. Mapping is a system that helps build a map of community partners and how they link to each other. This helps organizations to build a stronger idea of how the pieces of the puzzle fit together. Dianne found it interesting that the Family Policy Council focused just on people and previewed a software program that would graphically identify how things link together. The Women's Spirit Coalition went one step further and also included the skills of each individual. This difference could make the mapping process a stronger tool for use by Community Networks.

Jeff Edleson was a presenter at the Women's Spirit Coalition conference. He did a good job of showing how difficult it is for children to identify who is to blame for domestic violence which often leads to them believe that it is their fault.

Everyone that attended the Family Policy Council Summit was thrilled with what they had learned. Denese was excited about the information on Organizational Resiliency which showed that hard times can actually strengthen a Board. Adverse Childhood Experiences was again a hot topic. Several speakers presented on ACE's related information. Dr. Teicher went in a new direction and showed how verbal abuse was more damaging to a child's brain development than physical abuse. Dr. Anda and Laura Porter talked about collecting ACE's data at the local level. In Washington State the Health Department has included questions about ACE's in their BRFUSS surveys. Laura suggested that some Networks might want to invest some of their budget into oversampling to get data specific to their communities. Dianne spoke with Laura about this for the SKCCN and discovered the cost was \$67 per survey and the Family Policy Council would support the idea of doing additional surveys in South King County with the remaining uncommitted SKCCN funds. The Board liked this idea and wanted to do more research on the subject.

Dianne Heide Contract

Since the Board had moved through the business on the agenda and had extra time available Ralph asked the Chair if he could open a discussion on another issue. Don recognized Ralph who made the following motion.

Ralph moved **to reinstate Dianne Heide's contract**. Second by Venus.

Since this was a contract issue Don called for an Executive Session to discuss the issue. Staff members were asked to leave the room. Kerry Annette Wade was allowed to stay to discuss her views with the Board.

After reconvening the motion was restated as:

Motion 1 Ralph moved **to reinstate Dianne Heide's contract through July 1, 2009**. Second by Venus. The motion passed. Yes=7, No=2, Abstain=1

Final Discussions

Several quick requests were handled as the Board adjourned:

Denese was asked to have Priya join the Board for a meeting and she reported that Priya was already planning to attend on December 10 to sit in on the presentation of the Safety & Accountability Audit report.

Lora reported that the Board was still welcome to use the Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation Board room

on the second Wednesday of each month.

Dawn asked when the Personnel Committee would be meeting to decide on the steps to be taken in replacing Denese Bohanna after her retirement on December 31. Dianne was asked who was on the Personnel Committee and the Board was told that Don, Lora, Ralph, Dawn and Margie had volunteered for the Committee. Venus asked if she could be added and Don agreed.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date