



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 12, 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	Don Lincoln	Beth Adams	Vyrn Muir
	Venus Talarico		

Board members excused: Kim Bennett DeDe White Ralph Talarico
Marsha Medgard

Guests present: Rebecca Holderman

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

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

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Agenda – Approved as written

Approval of November 14 Minutes

Motion 1 Karin moved **to approve the November 14 minutes with changes.** Second by Beth.
The motion passed.

Review of FPC Planning Calendars

Dianne provided the Board with three planning calendars from the FPC. There are actually six calendar but Dianne felt that was too much. The Calendars provided showed the Board a broad plan, a plan for volunteer recruitment/training/retention and learning plan. Each Board member was asked to look them over and bring ideas on how to meet expectations in each quarter of the biennium to appropriate committees or the Board.

Safety & Accountability Audit (S&A) Update

Denese provided the Board with an overview of the S&A.

Background

As SKCCN began to look at domestic violence from parents' perspectives, we realized that we needed to understand more about batterers' intervention programs (BIP). Dr. Katreena Scott, founder of Ontario Canada's Caring Dads program advised us that there needs to be careful attention to how batterers are educated about parenting. We learned that Washington state law requires that BIPs educate all batterers who are parents about the impact of their violent behavior on their children. Last year an intern completed a Capstone project on how that law was being implemented. She found that there are vast differences in how BIPs operate and that there is no consistency in how they go about educating batterers about their impact on children.

Safety & Accountability Audits (SAA)

We learned from Tracee Parker that Safe Havens had just completed a unique auditing process that exposed a great deal about their supervised visitation program. An Audit allows an interagency team to discover how their institutions' work routines and ways of doing business produce gaps in safety and accountability. Audits ask questions from the standpoint of victims of battering, but the focus is not on individual judges, police, or social

workers, not even on batterers or victims themselves. It is on the *institutional case management processes* and the logic, thinking, and assumptions that support them. By asking how something comes about, rather than looking at the individual who is doing it, we discover systemic problems and produce recommendations for longer-lasting change.

After researching the SAA process, we chose to invest in sending a team (Betty Nomura, Denese Bohanna and a representative of BIP, Devon Klein) to be trained in Minnesota last May. That team, along with Tracee Parker, comprise a core team that is planning an audit of BIPs. In Sept. they held an Open House to examine the level of community interest in having an audit. Over 50% of BIPs certified in South King County attended the Open House and were supportive of the audit process. Plans for the audit were put on hold as we finalized Family Policy Council reports and plans. We now have full approval of the FPC to move forward with the audit.

The Audit Team

A team of approximately ten people will include BIPs, DV advocates, a probation officer, a prosecutor, a Family Court representative and SKCCN Board members. This team will conduct the audit. The SKCCN Board will be represented by: Betty Nomura, Venus Talarico, and Lora Dear.

Expert Training and Consultation

We are fortunate to have connected with a well qualified SAA trainer, Rhonda Martinson, who will contract with us to provide training on audit processes and will assist in conducting the audit, analyzing results, and assist in report writing. At no additional cost to us, Rhonda will be joined by Graham Barnes, who is new to her staff and has great experience with BIPs. King County is contributing \$5000 to the training and will be sending a team to be trained.

Timeline

Feb. 11-12 Training in Kent – Mon. morning will be devoted to an overview of the SAA process and is open to all interested. The balance of the two days will be teaching people to actually use the tools that will be used in the audit. This will include focus groups with adult victims and BIPs.

Week of April 7-11 Conduct the Audit – begin to identify findings by the end of the week

May and June draft the audit report to include recommendations for system improvements.

Team Building Exercise

The Board experimented with an exercise from the Pegasus Conference. Each member was paired with another member of the Board – matching senior members with new members. The teams each spent 10 minutes in conversation to learn about each other:

1. Where do they work? Married vs single? Children? Grandchildren? Etc.
2. Why did they join the SKCCN Board?
3. What are they passionate about? What brings you joy?
4. What are your dreams?
5. What would they like to see the SKCCN and Family Policy Council accomplish in the next 10 years?

After the conversation each reported about what they had learned from the other member of their team.

Some short snapshots from the reports included:

Margie told us about Beth

- Beth is a brand new member – WELCOME!
- Beth has been married for 31 years and has 2 children and a dog Bosko – they are a close family
- She volunteers for Family & Friends of Violent Crime Victims
- She is active in her church
- She dreams of retiring with enough money to put resources into a DV shelter

Beth told us about Margie

- Margie is married with 2 children and 2 step children and a granddaughter
- She works for 35 engineers in an environmental consulting agency
- Her volunteer time includes the World Peach Org.
- She is mentored by a world poetlaurette (sorry I don't know how to spell that one)

- She has a passion for seeing herself and each of us develop as human beings
- She wants to see less time between a report that a family is in need the when they get the needed assistance

Venus told us about Betty

- Betty is retired and has been with the SKCCN Board for 4 years
- She is married to George and has 2 children and 2 grandchildren
- She loves volunteering and is excited about the S&A effort. She also works on the Covington Arts Commission
- She has a passion for art and making a difference for victims of DV
- She is an early childhood education specialist
- She wants to create a world where families feel safe and secure
- She wants to see the FPC continue to be an advocate for families and to bring a strong voice to folks from different cultures

Betty told us about Venus

- Venus works for DSHS with elderly disabled clients
- She also works for Associated Behavioral Health as a BIP – she is in their Renton office and is working on getting her certification
- She has received training from Ellen Pency (S&A originator) using the modified deluth model (gotta hear more about that)
- She is married and has 2 children
- She is passionate about domestic violence and wants to write a book about working with victims and batterers on a 1 to 1 basis
- She has a vision that victim and perpetrator agencies can work more closely so that families will benefit
- She volunteers on the EDVP crisis line and is the Vice Chair for the National Federation for Phillipino Americans Association

Lora told us about Vyrn

- Vyrn has been a doctor in family practice for 37 years
- He has 3 kids and some grandchildren
- He volunteers for the Lions Club, Covington Days and the SOSDV Walk-A-Thon
- His big vision is to create a “Whiz bang” education project to revolutionize education on child abuse

Vyrn told us about Lora

- Lora is married with one daughter
- She works as the DV manager for Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation
- She is passionate about maintaining a good life and winning the lotto
- Her dream is to get agencies to work better together
- She was recently recognized by the Valley Cities Counseling Board for her exceptional work

Don told us about Denese

- Denese has worked for the SKCCN for 8.5 years
- She has 2 daughters
- She retired after 25 years with the Tacoma Health Department and developed their 1st DV response protocols
- She has one granddaughter – Miss Lilli
- Her vision for the FPC and SKCCN is to see us grow and achieve all she knows we can

Denese told us about Don

- He is married with a 20 year old daughter
- He started in Alaska and worked on DV issues in that state as well
- He is intrigued by the differences he sees between the people he touches
- Presently he is working with Somali men and hopes to someday open a Center here
- His passion is to encourage understanding and change

- Trisha told us about Karin
- She is married with 1.5 year old daughter and another baby on the way
- Hubby (an accountant) just bought a new business and is in fact working with Mexico Lindo Restaurant – they hosted our Board meetings through the summer months
- She joined the SKCCN because a friend was a Board member
- She has a passion for meeting the needs of kids
- She enjoys information about early childhood development
- She loves fine art and studied it in college
- Her goal is to help keep the Board moving towards it's goals

Karin told us about Trisha

- Trisha works at Towne & Country Suites which is owned by her boyfriends family – she works very closely with her boyfriend
- She has no children except her 2 dogs and 1 cat
- She moved from Minnesota to Colorado to Washington and worked with DV groups in each community
- Her passion is making a difference for folks facing DV
- She volunteers for the Tukwila DV Task Force and works as a co-chair for the Walk-A-Thon and the Tukwila Apartment Association
- She dreams of starting a non-profit and shelter for men and GLBT

Dianne reported that she did not participate because with her big mouth she just knew everyone knew enough about her. She promised to include as much about each member in the minutes as she could.

SKCCN Board Meeting Location

After using the Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation site for two months the Board was asked if they felt the space would work. Everyone was in agreement that this was an attractive and comfortable space. They asked Lora to arrange for the Board to continue meeting in Auburn – Lora agreed.

Children's DV Conference

Dianne asked the Board for guidance on a tricky issue. The Children's DV Conference planning group has one member that is opposed to having Dr. Anda present on ACE's at the Conference. After some research Dianne has discovered that some DV Advocates believe that the ACE study makes the victim responsible for the violence. Since Dianne is charged with building a strong partnership she has concerns that pushing for the ACE's presentation could cause a problem for the team building effort. The Board felt that ACE's was also a focus for their work in 2007-09. They suggested a 1 on 1 lunch with the DV Advocate in question but wanted to do everything possible to assure that an ACE's presentation would be included at the Conference.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Vyrn suggested that the Finance Committee work on building a process for friends of the SKCCN to make bequests through their wills to the non-profit.

Meeting adjourned – 7:07

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date