

5. We will be accountable for ourselves and our actions.
6. We will come to meetings prepared and ready to participate.
7. We will make the Board room a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.
8. We will talk to people and not about people.
9. We will turn off our cell phones.
10. We will avoid sidebar conversations.

Leadership of Policy, Research and Partnerships

Margie reported that she attended a presentation of the Audit report. Although the Team is still presenting a “draft” report, she felt the Team did a good job. She was especially pleased about the way the Team acknowledged the SKCCN Board and even gave Margie an opportunity to speak at the conclusion. Venus was to be one of the co-presenters but suffered a heart attack that morning so Devon Klein stepped in at the last minute. Those in attendance received the information well and indicated they would adopt the recommendations.

Concern was raised that the SKCCN was not informed or invited to be part of the presentation. Denese promised the Board in December that she would keep them informed and did not follow through on the promise. The Executive Committee discussed options during their meeting. They will work to reopen lines of communication and have drafted a letter that will have a positive tone and include the following requests:

- **Presentations** – Resources and time are limited for all partners, therefore we suggest that we work together on all presentations of the report. However, we hope you will agree that details for any presentations to the Washington State Family Policy Council should be managed by the SKCCN Board.
- **Reporting** – The SKCCN Board is required by contract with the Washington State Family Policy Council to report on all of its efforts. Finding ways to measure response to the report will be difficult but can be achieved with the Teams help. We suggest the following:
 - **Web Site** – We would like the report be posted only on the SKCCN web site – this allows the SKCCN to record “hits” as an indicator of interest. We would welcome all partners to offer a link to the SKCCN web site on their web site. This solution also offers the option for the Audit Team and SKCCN to work on supporting documentation and additional research ie treatment to post on the site as well.
 - **Evaluation** – We would like each member of the Team to fill out an evaluation to tell us more about – What was learned? How could the process be improved? etc.
 - **Presentations** – We would like to work with the Team to develop an evaluation survey to be used at presentations. A system to record comments during Q&A is important as well.

The letter will also request a meeting between with the members of the SKCCN Executive Committee and the Audit Team to see if everyone cannot reach an agreement on next steps and reporting.

Legislative & Day in Olympia

Dianne asked who would like to attend the February 17 Day in Olympia. She reported that the news from Olympia is not good. HB 2097 is currently in committee. The bill would not ONLY zero fund the Family Policy Council/Community Networks but would also remove our legislative mandate. Board members were provided with post cards and stamps and requested to contact each of their representatives and senators to stop the bill from passing. Abby, Paula and Rose Marie volunteered to attend the Day in Olympia event.

Youth Advisory Grants

The Board was thrilled to have three representatives from two youth groups attend and discuss their applications for a Youth Advisory Grant.

Life Skills Youth Group

Steven McIvor and Angela Talarico explained that they have created a pilot group of youth ages 14-21 who share an interest in teen dating violence, domestic violence issues in youth households, anger management and other violence related issues faced by high school students. They develop programs and partnerships that reach out to their peers and address these issues. They hope this will become a continuous process – they will be trained, then will train others, who will then train others. They have worked with several community partners to become knowledgeable on the issues and solutions. They plan to develop a program that can be used with students at Decatur High School, the PTSA and then to other PTSA groups within the next 4-5 months.

Their program will begin with skits that will be incorporated into other school programs such as the drama club, meetings, etc. As their capacity builds they hope to create a web site as well as using facebook and other online services to tell their story. Since they are high school students they believe their peers will listen and make

needed changes. The group believes that other students will understand the message that there are appropriate alternatives to violence.

The SKCCN Board thought the plans provide by the Life Skill Youth Group were exciting and had a lot of promise. The Board offered to allow the group to create web pages that could be hosted on the SKCCN web site and the group thought that was a great idea. Some concern was raised about finding a way to measure success through the use of pre and post surveys. Dianne will work with them to assure success of the project and reporting mechanism.

Motion 3 Paula moved to approve the grant application from Life Skills Youth Group for full funding at \$500. Second by Cynthia. The motion passed.

Federal Way High School

Calvin Jolicoeur presented on behalf of an application from Federal Way High School. Their plan is to create and present a series of lessons that deal with positive dating relationships. The lessons or activities will be presented to 9th grade students during their advisory classes. These lessons will be delivered twice a month, allowing for structured contact with mentees and 9th grade teachers. and dating violence? Federal Way High School (FWHS) has two goals to guide the schools' service to students. Goal 1 allows the school to focus efforts on academics and standards based learning. Goal 2 states that they will provide all students with a safe and supportive learning environment. A large component of Goal 2 is creating a positive school culture where all students can learn and form healthy relationships.

Federal Way High School utilizes a student mentorship program called Ignite. Ignite provides each 9th grade student with an upperclassmen mentor. Ignite mentors are trained in relationship and team building, academic tutoring, presentation skills, and overall leadership. The mentors not only transition our 9th graders into high school, but maintain relationships with their mentees throughout the school year. The SKCCN grant would provide the time and resources needed to write lessons based on teen relationships, violence, and self-esteem. Ignite mentors would create student run and student led activities for other students.

Once again the SKCCN Board was impressed with the planning of this youth group. The only question was how were they going to measure success. Dianne will work with this group to assure that they can meet the Boards expectations.

Motion 4 Cynthia moved to approve the grant application from Federal Way High School for full funding at \$500. Second by Eric. The motion passed.

Children's Domestic Violence Conference

Dianne provided the Board with brochures for the event and ask that the pass it out to their associates. She also reminded the Board that she would need assistance that day from at least 6-7 Board members and asked them to let her know if they can be available.

Budget Situation for 2007-09

Dianne briefed the Board on the budget situation. The FPC has informed the Board that 50-60% of monies not committed by January 10th either by contract or other supporting documents could be lost immediately. Dianne worked with the Finance Committee on figures and documents requested by the FPC and hopes to have an answer in the next week about the amount of the cut.

The money for a second staffer is NOT safe from budget cuts which means the Board will have to put plans for hiring someone on hold. Dianne reported that she is struggling to keep up but will just do her best. The Board asked if they needed to add money to Dianne and Cyndys contract so they could work extra hours. Dianne suggested they wait until they find out how much of the budget would be cut and then decide how to proceed.

The important action for the Board to take is to work on building the 501 so it can support the Board's work.

SKCCN Board Retreat

The Board was in favor of a planning retreat as soon as possible. A tentative date of March 21 was discussed. Marti offered the use of her home and will even cook a wonderful lunch for the Board – they accepted with enthusiasm. Dianne will work out the details with Marti and look for a facilitator for the retreat. *Note: The date was later changed to April 4.*

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date