



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 13, 2008, 5:00 pm

**Location:** Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

**Board members present:**

Non-Fiduciary	Trisha Blomquist	Kim Bennett	Karin Schuyleman
	Lora Dear	Margie Staulcup	Betty Nomura
	DeDe White	David Zehner	
Fiduciary	Rebecca Holderman	Don Lincoln	Beth Adams
	Vyrn Muir	Venus Talarico	Ralph Talarico

**Board members excused:** Marsha Medgard

**Guests present:** Jacob Eiselstein & Justin Bell – ACE – Leaving a Legacy  
Kristin Sakai & Keith Beach – Cornerstone United Methodist Church  
Ashley Bennett

**Staff members present:** Dianne Heide                      Denese Bohanna                      Cyndy Bracelen

**Call to order** – Chair Don Lincoln called the meeting to order at 5:30

**Quorum** – There was a quorum.

**Agenda** – Approved as written

**Approval of January 9 Minutes**

**Motion 1**            Karin moved to **approve the January 9 minutes with changes.** Second by Trisha.  
The motion passed.

**Safety & Accountability Audit Update**

The Safety & Accountability Audit training took place on February 11 & 12 and was well attended. Day one included a morning session to help explain the Audit process and what is hoped will be accomplished through the effort. Monday afternoon and Tuesday were spent training team members about the detail work that would be involved in the Audit. On Wednesday morning the team spent some primate time with the Praxis consultants deciding on a possible Audit question and the planned work to be done the week of April 7. Those that attended agreed that the presenters did a wonderful job during the training but some felt it was too generalized.

Some Board members who are also Batterers Intervention Providers (BIP's) raised concerns about the Audit process. This included possible negativity by victims program providers towards BIP's and a lack of representation from BIP's in planning/presentations for the training. Lora reported feeling that she felt some of the attacks were aimed at Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation (VCCC) which was causing her to consider dropping out of the Audit. She had not realized that by participating she would be opening up herself and her agency to possible attacks by others on the Team. This lack of safety seemed to be an issue for another BIP who felt the process might become unfair.

SKCCN Board members and Denese expressed dismay at this perception of unfairness or attack. All agreed that in any new undertaking, especially one with victim advocates and BIP's coming together, there would be some misunderstandings and "learning experiences". The trick will be for the Team to work together and come up with ways to overcome these natural obstacles to open communications and working together.

One Board member voiced her sadness that it was so difficult to make everyone feel “safe” during the process and her support that Denese would find a way to bring this group together to reach the final goals of the Audit. Denese assured Lora that these issues could be worked out and hoped that Lora would consider continuing with the Audit team if only to assure that the BIP point of view had a strong supporter. It will be important for ground rules to be clearly established and followed to assure everyone feels safe. For instance, some focus group discussions mentioned providers by name. Denese assured everyone that in future this would not happen plus information on both positive and negative experiences with BIP’s would be reported.

### **Day in Olympia Planning**

Dianne reported that seven people were signed up for the February 20 Day in Olympia – Lora, Venus, Rebecca, Trisha, Dianne, Denese and Jennifer. She asked each if they had contacted their legislators for appointments. Rebecca reported she could no longer go. Ralph decided he would join his wife and Betty also decided to attend if there was room. Betty provided everyone with copies of the 2008 listing of legislators and supported Dianne in asking everyone to make appointments. Dianne will work with the group on logistics and signups.

### **Youth Advisory Grant**

The Board was thrilled that representatives of both applications to be discussed were in attendance.

#### *ACE – Leaving A Legacy*

Jacob Eiselstein will make his senior class project all about domestic violence by collecting obsolete cellular phones from his classmates. He intends to create a competition between each class – sophomore, junior, senior, etc – and Jacob will host a pizza party for the class that collects the most cell phones. The CAT Committee was complimentary of Jacob’s application and thrilled with his enthusiasm. There were some items they wanted to make sure were addressed which included working on an outcomes measurement and not confusing outcomes with outputs (number of phones collected). It was suggested a pre and post survey of selected students could be done to really measure how much the students learned about domestic violence and teen dating violence. It was also requested that a representative from the SKCCN Board be allowed to sit in on Jacob’s senior presentation.

**Motion 2** Betty moved to approve the grant application for ACE – Leaving A Legacy with the provisions suggested by the CAT Committee. Second by David. The motion passed.

#### *Dating Violence Awareness Variety Show*

Kristin Sakai reported that her youth group at Cornerstone United Methodist Church had worked very hard at deciding on their project idea. The kids actually split into small groups to discuss ideas and then came back together to vote on the final plan. The group includes 15 kids in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at Kent Ridge High School. The kids will create a 30 minute presentation to be given during an assembly at the high school – they may even host a talent show to pick the most entertaining presenters. Keith Beach from Jennifer Beach Foundation reported that his organization would be helping the kids to succeed and will put the kids in contact with advocates to assure that materials prepared would include appropriate information. The CAT Committee found this idea to be exactly the type of idea they had hoped to see in the applications and asked if it would be possible to video tape the presentation. They also raised concerns that the plan did not include a way to measure outcomes and suggested that focus groups might be the best way to go. SKCCN staff will work with the kids to figure out a way to provide useable measurements.

**Motion 3** Trisha moved to approve the grant application for Dating Violence Awareness Variety Show with the provisions suggested by the CAT Committee. Second by Venus. The motion passed.

### **Children’s DV Conference**

Dianne reminded members of the Board that they needed to signup for this important event by going to [www.skccn.com](http://www.skccn.com) and clicking on the Children’s DV Conference link. Scholarships are available for 3-4 from the SKCCN but the Board will need to pay for the rest of our people. She also reminded Board members that they would be asked to arrive at the Conference by 7:15 to help with registration. She will fill in the details on the registrations process before the March 24<sup>th</sup> Conference.

Valley Medical Center informed Dianne that they changed their mind about the Grand Rounds presentation with Dr. Anda on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This caused a small financial crisis since VMC was suppose to come up with \$3000 towards the cost of bringing Dr. Anda to South King County. Dianne has contacted the Family Policy Council to see if there is a way to share Dr. Anda’s services and cost. She will keep the CAT Committee informed on progress.

**Committee and Staff Reports**

All reports were provided in writing.

**Miscellaneous Announcements**

Venus suggested that Board members might like to participate in the Asian Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil on March 6. The vigil is in remembrance of a Filipino homicide victim of domestic violence. The event is from 4-6 pm in front on the King County Courthouse and will be followed by a reception at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned – 6:50

Minutes Approved:

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Signed

Date