



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 9, 2008, 5:00 pm

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary

Trisha Blomquist
Karin Schuyleman
Betty Nomura

Dawn Cherney
Lora Dear
DeDe White

Kim Bennett
Margie Staulcup

Fiduciary

Pat Sullivan
Vyrn Muir
Dave Zehner

Don Lincoln
Venus Talarico

Beth Adams
Ralph Talarico

Board members excused: Marsha Medgard

Guests present: None

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna Jennifer Cooper

Call to order –Secretary Margie Staulcup called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Approval of February 13 and March 12 Minutes

Motion 1 Betty moved to approve the February 13 and March 12 minutes with changes. Second by Trisha. The motion passed.

Children's DV Conference Debrief

The Board discussed their experiences at the March 24 Children's DV Conference at Highline CC.

- The Men's DV Checkup session was very good!
- Liked that the keynote speaker concentrated on positives and the breakouts were effective.
- Keynote speaker had good materials – panel on ACE's was great – there were many issues raised that require more information.
- The cultural sessions were wonderful and FULL – the judges sessions were intimidating to see.
- The Resiliency Panel (ACE's) seemed to miss the point – time spent with Richard Kleiner was valuable.
- Feedback from the folks from YWCA in Tacoma was positive – as a Board member we kept putting him to work so he missed a lot.
- Proud to see the Conference grow from 100 in first year to 400 in 2008 – good to see the SKCCN take a leading role in organizing – like that the Conference shines a light on kids needs.
- Perhaps a track for Batterers Intervention Providers would be a good idea.
- Didn't hit the mark for the theme – perhaps resiliency was not a good draw – the cultural/immigrant session was very worthwhile and provided some important nuggets of information.

Dianne reported that she has already done a debrief with her co-coordinator, Deborah Greenleaf from Public Health, and they have some recommendations for the Conference Committee to discuss at their next meeting. The Pavillion was not a workable area for the key note speaker so they will work on new ideas for 2009. All presenters will be required to submit a proposal for their sessions that will include: course description, speaker bios, costs, expected educational outcomes, outline of materials proposed. This will help the committee to be more focused and ensure that the presentations meet the goals of the Conference and theme.

SKCCNA Annual Meeting

The members of the Finance Committee spent the next hour informing the Board about how the Association arm of the Network was formed, why, mission/goals, sustainability and finances. Dianne provided the Board with an outline of the history of the effort to form a 501(c)(3) Association which is legally known as the South King County Community Network Association. She explained that the discussion started in November of 2001 in response to the need to overcome the uncertainty of state funding. Funding for Community Networks had been in jeopardy each biennium since the system was first funded. The Board was frustrated by the constant need to spend valuable time in a battle for state funding and began looking for other options. Those options included the formation of it's own 501(c)(3) Association. The Board mandated that careful consideration be given to the mission and how a change in status would affect the purpose of the Network.

Considerations included:

1. Do we have something to contribute as a 501(C)? – The answer was YES!
2. Will the Board and staff be able to commit to this new idea? – The answered was YES!
3. What would the new Board look like? Would the same Board manage both entities? – It was decided that this would be one organization and that state funding would be a piece of the whole.
4. What new ideas can we develop if not under state restrictions? – Unlimited.
5. As a 501(C) could we better work across systems? – YES because of added flexibility.
6. Would the new organization still attempt to do Direct Service Funding? -- Only with state dollars!
7. Are there "for fee" jobs we can do in the community? For instance Dialogues, managing programs etc. – The answer was YES!

Focus was a major consideration:

The committee agreed that the new organization should use Family Policy Council Principals to guide the work and embrace the "**Healthy Families in Caring Communities**" slogan. The Association would continue to **work to improve conditions that adversely affect children** believing that this focus would will set us apart from many others and will help us in forming partnerships in South King County.

As of the March 2002 meeting many of the steps needed to complete a 501(c)(3) application had been completed. Including:

1. Articles of Association were written and signed
2. Bylaws for the new Association which include the mandated requirements from the legislation governing Community Networks had been written and approved by the Board at the January, 2003 meeting.
3. The IRS application was filled out except for the creation of a final budget.
4. A bank account in the name of the organization had been opened at Washington Mutual.

At the October, 2003 meeting the Board made a final decision to continue with the application for a 501(c)(3) with the IRS. Two basic decisions accompanied that final Board vote: First, the non-profit would build into it's planning Family Policy Council Principals so that those principals would always be at the heart of our work. Second, the non-profit would never compete with our partners for service funding. The Board approved and the application was submitted. The Board then waited for a response and had been warned to expect a long ordeal with the IRS asking many questions – they were ecstatic when informed that our status had been approved on the first try on September 22, 2004.

To date the Association had provided support for several organizations by providing fiscal agent services at no charge: Steppin' Out to Stop Domestic Violence Walk-A-Thon, Children & Families Experiencing Domestic Violence Conference, Domestic Violence Task Force Collaborative and Kent DV Task Force. Fundraisers have included Heart Bucks and various donations from other sources.

Dianne provided the Board with a financial report that showed:

SKCCNA Bank Account Balances:

Bank Balance	\$9,789.78
Less funds belonging to partners and in our care	(2,595.34)
Funds belonging to the SKCCNA	7,194.44
Expected income from monies owed to the SKCCNA from SKCCN	1,508.63
Total SKCCNA Financial Resources	\$8,703.07

SKCCNA Children's DV Conference Bank Account Balance **\$5,255.79**

Mission and Goals

Dianne referred the Board to the SKCCNA Bylaws Articles 2 and 3. The Board was specific about it's purpose and duties in these sections. The most important statement made by the Board was included in Article 3, Section

1 last bullet which states: Uphold the statewide Family Policy Council principles and cooperate with the statewide Community Network system. The Boards intention was to assure that the SKCCNA would continue with the stated mission regardless of the existence of a state mandate.

Sustainability

Trisha spoke with the Board about ideas to assure the continuation of the SKCCNA. She explained that the Board would need to explore ideas for how to fund their efforts and the need to make those efforts as creative as possible. They included:

- Offer to provide fiscal agent services for other organizations, such as the Walk-A-Thon for a fee – this would include allowing them to use our 501(c)(3) status to make their donations tax deductible
- Bidding to provide services for local government offices when the SKCCNA has the needed skills to do the job – this could include things like an accountability audit type effort that some agencies and/or consultants charge up to \$40,000 to accomplish
- Fundraising efforts – Raffles, Auction, Award Receptions
- Apply for appropriate grants
- Establish a effort to encourage endowments from board members and/or community members

The Board expressed a desire to have more indepth discussions about the mission, goals and sustainability of the SKCCNA at their next retreat.

Fundraising

Margie explained to the Board that the Finance Committee was currently working on plans for the first major fundraising effort for the SKCCNA. A RAFFLE! The raffle tickets will be passed out to Board members at the May meeting with each Board member asked to sell at least 80 tickets – except Vyrn Muir who must sell 80 and buy 80. The Committee had already secured a second place prize – A Supper Getaways Package – which includes nights at the South Center Doubletree Suites and the Hotel Monaco plus gift certificates for meals at local restaurants. A Family Fun Basket will be third prize and will include: DVD Player (donated by Dianne Heide), DVD's, gift certs for movies and family fun restaurants, board games, pop corn, candy and lots of fun stuff.

Margie explained that the Committee had not been able to secure a donation of a major prize which they hoped would be an LCDHD Television. She asked if the Board would approved purchase of the television using existing funds. The Board thought that was a good idea.

Motion 2 Margie moved to spend up to \$500 to purchase an LCD HD Television to be used as first prize in the 2008 SKCCNA raffle. Second by Betty. The motion passed.

It was decided that the winning ticket would be drawn at a special event planned for August 5 at the Towne & Country Suites in Tukwila celebrating National Night Out. Ideas for future fundraisers included an online magazine fundraiser and scratch cards.

Nominations for 2008-09

Margie passed out a signup sheet for officers in 2008-09. She reminded everyone that nominations must be announced at the May Board meeting and that elections would be held in June. She also let everyone know that the ballot would not be secret and would require a signature.

Bylaws Committee

Don asked for volunteers to work on reviewing the bylaws for possible updates. It was not considered to be a huge task and would require little time. Dianne would be assigned as the staff support person for the group. Volunteers included Venus, Jennifer, Margie, Pat and Beth.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date