



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 20, 2007, 5:00 pm

Location: Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Kent, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Trisha Blomquist	Kim Bennett	Kristin Gauthier
	Karin Schuyleman	Kerry Annette Wade	Lora Dear
	Margie Staulcup	Betty Nomura	
Fiduciary	C.C. Scott	Don Lincoln	

Board members excused: DeDe White Vyrn Muir Marsha Medgard

Guests present: Jean Hueston Barbara Little Lela Brugger

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna Cyndy Bracelen

Call to order – Acting Chair Betty Nomura called the meeting to order at 5:05

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Agenda – Approved as with the addition of discussion for bridge funding for Safe N' Bright Futures

From the Heart Speech

Minutes for Heart speeches will be provided only if the presenter provides a written brief for the minutes. Vyrn Muir was not available and will give his speech next month. Don Lincoln provided the Board with information about South King County police officers who are fighting cancer and a new group that is trying to help their families during these trying time.

Approval of May 9 Minutes

Motion 1 Don moved **to approve the May 9 minutes with changes.** Second by C.C. The motion passed.

Board Elections for 2007-08

The slate of nominees was presented and it was noted that Kim Bennett had withdrawn her name for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Betty Nomura withdrew her name from Vice Chair. After hearing that no one was on the ballot for the position of Vice Chair Kim withdrew her withdrawal and decided to run for Vice Chair. Ballots were passed out and everyone was reminded that this would be part of the public record so all ballots must be signed. Final results were:

Chair	Don Lincoln
Vice Chair	Kim Bennett
Secretary	Margie Staulcup
Treasurer	Kristin Gauthier

Bridge Funding Request from Safe N' Bright Futures

Denese reported that the Safe N' Bright Futures Pilot project was in need of additional funding to help them through the next few months. They need \$10,000 to continue their work bridging the gaps between DV Advocates and Mental Health providers. The group is doing some tremendous work and gaining support from many agencies. Meg Crager from Sound Mental Health is working to secure additional funding as quickly as possible but it would be a shame to allow this effort to lose momentum in the interim. It was noted that the Board could not

vote to provide the Bridge funding during the June meeting because the SKCCN has not yet finalized paperwork that allows access to state funding for 2007-09. The Board decided to table this discussion to July but asked Denese to let the group know they would consider the request at their July meeting.

Planning – Approval of FPC Form One

The Board was provided with a final draft of the Form One document to consider. Staff reported that the information provided in the form came directly from notes taken at various committee meetings and from the worksheets Board members filled out at the May Retreat.

The document reports that the SKCCN will continue its focus on children exposed to domestic violence and child abuse/neglect. Some members asked if that meant Adverse Childhood Experiences would not be included in our work. One member put it "If this is the main river can we still check out some tributaries." Staff agreed that Adverse Childhood Experiences include domestic violence so there would be no reason not to continue to plan for some work in that area.

Motion 2 Don moved **to continue the SKCCN Boards focus on children exposed to domestic violence and child abuse/neglect during 2007-09.** Second by Kim. The motion passed.

The Board was then asked to take a few minutes to quietly read the document and spend some extra effort on the answer to question number 3. This section provides four goals for SKCCN work in 2007-09 for the Board's consideration:

SKC is a community

- ☞ That has reviewed the efforts of every community to support families with children that are experiencing domestic violence resulting in the implementation of policies and practices that protect children.
- ☞ Where policies and practices are in place that requires provider accountability for quality treatment of batterers that will result in lower rates of re-offense, inform them about how their actions have affected their children and will provide opportunities for them to learn how to become more nurturing parents.
- ☞ That is actively working to educate parents and professionals in strategies that will build resiliency in children allowing them to overcome Adverse Childhood Experiences breaking the intergenerational cycle and resulting in reduced trauma.
- ☞ That encourages collaboration among agencies, municipalities, task forces, providers and citizens that will result in a network of support services that avoids duplication, fills gaps and provides award winning responses to families who have experienced domestic violence.

These four statements were the result of looking at the answer from each Board member on the Retreat worksheets and making sure that each of their suggestions were covered in some way. The responses given by the Board showed a great deal of interest in continuing the work of Review, targeted audiences with healthcare/schools, the audit of treatment providers and continuation with partnerships with communities, agencies and DV Task Forces.

Two Committees had been given an opportunity to review the document before the Board meeting and were asked to inform the Board about their thoughts.

PRP was excited about the prospect of continuing our many partnerships in the community with groups that are paralleling our work with children exposed. They were ready to get started on the many questions about the Audit process and how that would be organized. The prospect of the Audit was exciting to the group because it will truly be looking at systems and suggesting system changes. The biggest area of discussion at this time is what the actual focus will be for the Audit.

C&T was excited at the prospect of continuing its work with targeted audiences. Since youth violence has been used as an earlier indicator for SKCCN success it was suggested the Board consider the growing gang problem in Des Moines and the connected drug problems. Discussion from this group also included the need to continue educating the community about Adverse Childhood Experiences and domestic violence.

Betty reported on her review of materials on resiliency and why do some children have more problems overcoming domestic violence or Adverse Childhood Experiences than others. Perhaps the Board needs to consider building a better understanding of protective factors.

After breaking for small group discussion about the four suggested goals Board members were each given three dots and asked to place a dot on the three goals they felt should be priority. The voting was equally split among the four so it was clear that the Board wanted all to be included in the document.

Motion 3 Kerry moved **to submit Form One with the changes suggested by the Board.** Second by C.C. The motion passed.

Staff Contract Discussion

The Board entered into Executive Session at this time to discuss staff contracts for 2007-08.

SKCCN Board Appreciation

To celebrate the last Board meeting during the 2005-07 biennium each Board member was presented with a letter of appreciation and Executive Committee members were provided with a framed certificate to recognize their work for the Board. Staff members were honored with a beautiful Orchid and decorative plaque to thank them for their work on behalf of the Board.

Final Notes

Kerry invited all members of the Board to join the WAT Team at a mini-retreat on July 14 at Towne & Country Suites.

Dianne reminded the Board that the Regional Collaborative would host their next Regional Meeting on June 27 at Federal Way City Hall.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:05

Minutes Approved:

Signed _____ Date _____