



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 3, 2009, 6:00 pm

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Federal Way, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Marti Stiendl	Karin Schuyleman	Eric Daniels
	Cynthia Chandler	Margie Staulcup	Abby White
Fiduciary	Lora Dear	DeDe White	Jennifer Cooper
	Venus Talarico	Ralph Talarico	

Board members excused: Kim Bennett Dave Zehner Paula Joneli
Rose Marie Borchers

Guests present: Kim Bennett Dave Zehner Paula Joneli
Rose Marie Borchers Calvin Jolicoeur Steven D. McIvor
Angela Talarico

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Cyndy Schrage

Call to order – Chair Lora Dear called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Board Resignations

The Board was informed that Dave Zehner has resigned from the Board. His resignation will become final on June 24.

Approval of April 8 Minutes

The Secretary provided no minutes for the April 8 meeting.

Community Context – PRP & Data

Jennifer reported that the members of the PRP Committee met and are working on a review of data on rates of the seven problem behaviors in South King County. Each member of the Committee is collecting data and preparing a report. The Committee wanted to know what other information the Board would like to hear while planning for 2009-11. Some of the newer members asked for a list of the seven behaviors which was provided.

The Board showed an interest in hearing more about levels of substance abuse and mental health issues. Additional information on dating violence and parenting programs available in South King County was also requested. Karin will send out the reports she created on child abuse/neglect and domestic violence. Margie is also working on a report.

The Community Context report asks the Board to enter into conversations with community members to collect information. Dianne has been talking to folks at community meetings and has met with the Chair of the South King Council of Human Services. Plans are also underway for a dialogue in Federal Way on ACES and during plans for that event Dianne has been talking with the Federal Way ministerial association about ACES and DV.

The Board felt that more information needed to be gathered from the community. It was suggested that given the short time frame a survey using Survey Monkey might be the best avenue to collect comments. Jennifer and Dianne will work on the survey using the questions in the Community Context instructions from the FPC. They will incorporate what they learn in a draft Community Context report for Board approval on June 24.

Nomination of Officers for 2009-10

Cynthia and Abby reported that they have not gotten volunteers for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. Lora asked the Board to please step up on this. If the Board is to grow and succeed in the next biennium plus overcome reduced funding we are going to need good leaders. Participation is now easier since the Executive Committee is meeting on the same day as the Board. The following Board members were nominated:

Chair	Lora Dear
Vice Chair	Venus Talarico
Secretary	Abby White
Treasurer	Ralph Talarico

Community Context – Board Homework

There are set of questions provided by the Family Policy Council that the Board needed to consider, discuss and answer. Dianne prepared a “homework” sheet with the questions and asked the members of the Board to share their thoughts.

Community Engagement

- *Who is currently involved in our work? Who are our partners?*

DV Task Forces	Federal Way Schools	City of SeaTac
University of Phoenix	City of Tukwila	DV Treatment Providers
Public Health	City of Federal Way	YWCA
City of Seattle	Coordinated Community	DAWN
King County	Response-FW	FW Ministerial Assoc.
Churches of Tukwila	CCRADV	Judge Joan DuBuque
University of Washington	KCCADV	Justice Bobbie Bridge
Tukwila Schools	Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation	
- *How have we encouraged expanded leadership in South King County? Will these leaders join us in 2009-11?*

The SKCCN has worked in several areas that build leadership in our community. The 2007-09 Youth Advisory Grants helped students in Federal Way, Kent and SeaTac become leaders in their communities and schools. Members of the DV community worked with the SKCCN to review how DV Treatment providers work with batterers through our S&A Audit. The Collaborative of DV Task Forces has hosted three successful Walk-A-Thons and meets monthly to build a community vision that has resulted in Purple Light Nights and other community awareness efforts. The Churches of Tukwila hosted several events to educate ministers and were instrumental in the success of the Walk-A-Thon. Each of these efforts will continue in 2009-11 – some are already working on projects!

In addition the Board hosted two interns and both have now joined the SKCCN Board. Jennifer Cooper received her Masters in Social Work from the University of Washington and Abby White received her Bachelors in Human Services from the University of Phoenix in June of 2009 after interning with the SKCCN. The intern programs represent an SKCCN effort to expand leadership in South King County and provide graduates who are prepared to hit the ground running with the skills they need.

- *Who joined us this biennium?*

University of Phoenix	City of Tukwila	Judge Joan DuBuque
City of Seattle	DV Treatment Providers	Justice Bobbie Bridge
King County	FW Ministerial Assoc.	DV Treatment Providers
Churches of Tukwila	Prosecutor – Dave	
Tukwila Schools	Martin	
- *Who is not responding to our welcome that we want to engage in 2009-11?*

Former Audit Team
Community Funders
Legislators
Elected leaders

Current and Emerging Issues

- *To what degree do we believe our community is prepared to face coming challenges? What supports or strategies would encourage greater preparation and/or confidence? What is our role in providing these?*

Communities in South King County are not prepared to overcome the funding challenges we face in the next two years. Many programs for victims of domestic violence will be reduced or cut. More research is needed to assess levels of need in all 17 cities to decide on the best way to provided services. Everyone

will need to learn how to do more with less and that will take research, education, collaboration. We need to understand the gaps so that we can figure out how to fill them and that will required collaboration between agencies, cities, churches, and everyone. The SKCCN will consider a focus on organizing the conversations to build cohesion and a positive “can do” attitude with partners while looking at the most efficient ways to work in partnership.

- *What issues will we need to prepare to tackle as we plan to continue building community capacity and reducing rates? For example:*
 - Restructuring in the funding and delivery of social services;
We need to explore the question of “How can we do our job better?” with all community partners so our communities can design a better system.
 - Challenges to deeply held values and mental models;
We will need to break down fences between folks and avoid “turf” issues. In addition we will need to stop thinking in “silos” when considering problem behaviors – they are co-occurring conditions that need to be considered together not separately.
 - Shifting alignment between community values and structures for helping children, families and communities.
We will need to work with different kinds of funding – private corporate types – also focus on fundraising efforts. This will be a shift in the types of people we are trying to bring to the table.
- *What structures are in place to support the coming changes? What supports or strategies are needed to strengthen these structures? What is our role in providing these?*
Obviously – Family Policy Council and Community Networks – we are the solution if we do our job correctly and help build lines of communication and collaboration.
- *Are there any other factors we need to consider and discuss with the Family Policy Council?*
South King County faces several challenges that other Networks do not face on the same scale. Consider that we have 17 cities and 8 school districts in our service area. Diversity in South King County is a huge issue – the Tukwila School District was recognized as having more diversity than any other district in the nation. We need a much better understanding of resiliency and leadership from Olympia on strategies for working with our communities on this subject.

How would you describe our Network’s major strategies? Please choose and rank 3 (1=current top strategy)

- 1 Strengthening communication and collaboration to strengthen shared responsibility
- 2 Generating new practices and awareness of current system and increasing skills towards innovation
- 3 Optimizing services and efficiencies to strengthen current safety net
- NO Changing use of resources and policy to improve outcomes
- NO Working directly with families, children, neighbors, to organize

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed _____ Date _____