



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 12, 2006, 5:00 pm

Location: United Way Good Neighbor Center, Renton, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Clem Benton	Kim Bennett	Kerry Annette Wade
	Margie Staulcup	Betty Nomura	
Fiduciary	C. C. Scott	Vyrn Muir	

Board members excused: Sonia Foss
Cynthia Chandler
Cathy Williams
Florenda Wyatt
DeDe White
Don Lincoln
Karin Schuyleman
Asosa Sailiai

Staff members present: Dianne Heide
Denese Bohanna

Call to order – Chair Clem Benton called the meeting to order at 5:07

Quorum – There was not a quorum.

Agenda – Approved as written.

Approval of June 14 Minutes

Tabled for lack of quorum.

State of the Network

Since there were so few Board members at the meeting this was tabled for July.

Supplemental Budget Planning

Margie provided the Board with a quick update of their options. The Family Policy Council has informed the SKCCN Board that they will receive \$107,985 in additional funding. The SKCCN Board has already committed \$27,950 to support the office for 2006-07, moving expenses, Board retreat, mileage, and additional staff hours. This leaves \$80,035. Dianne has suggested that \$2,000 be left on the table for emergent needs during the next year which leaves \$78,000 for the Board to decide how to best use. During the June Board meeting the group identified some broad areas to consider. Since monies have to be contracted and results gathered by June 30, 2007 the Board now needed to decided on specific areas for funding.

Five strategies were considered including:

1. Direct Service Projects which included major projects funding the past such as YWCA's Children's DV In-home Counseling program and DAWN's Kids Club. In addition, the Board was asked to consider a pilot project for South King County around the final report from Safe & Bright Futures.
2. Funding for a project the would support the Federal Way community review recommendations expected by September/October.
3. Training and supports to improve the quality of mental health services for children exposed to domestic violence.

4. An assessment of South King County's capacity to serve children exposed to domestic violence.
5. Grants for startup organizations that would improve universal supports for families with young children.

Each of the strategies was discussed using the following criteria:

1. Does it advance at least one of the FPC approved outcomes for the SKCCN?
2. Is the strategy "doable" by June 30, 2007?
3. Does the strategy have potential for clear and measurable outcomes that can be measured by June 30, 2007?
4. Will it offer a strong likelihood to move us toward our key goals?
5. Is there sufficient staff time to handle the tasks involved in overseeing the strategy?

Strategy one – Denese assured the Board she has investigated options and the SKCCN Board can fund chosen projects using a "Sole Source Contract" method and would not need to spend valuable time doing a full RFP.

The YWCA and DAWN programs have been funded by the SKCCN in the past. This means that a continuing relationship would be easy and would take very little staff or Board effort. They also have a successful track record for meeting goals and reporting. The Board was interested to find out the balance between the two programs with number of children/families served per dollar and their success rates.

Safe & Bright futures is preparing a final report but have just learned from the Feds that funding for their recommendations has been cut from the budget. Board members felt it would be a shame to lose the momentum from this effort and wanted to find a way to help fund a pilot project from the recommendations.

Strategy two – Concern was raised that the Review group would not make final recommendations until September/October and they were unsure if there would be time to implement a project and get measurable results. However, they felt that providing some funding would send a positive message to end the review rather than just saying thank you and walking away. Also, the Board felt this would encourage other partners to join in the next Review effort.

Strategy three – Although this effort would help to improve the system and could lead to policy changes the Board felt it was too long term and would not be doable by June 30, 2007.

Strategy four – The Board felt this strategy looked at the system and not the community. It in essence would be a different kind of review but they doubted it would make a difference with kids. They were reminded that it was very difficult to get kids into needed counseling and that this system needed to become more responsive.

Strategy five – As always the Board members all had a soft spot for this type of funding although they recognize that startups take a great deal of effort for sometimes very little results. Perhaps the process would be more successful if the money came with some required technical assistance dollars that would make it mandatory to work with a consultant on planning before they could be approved for any funding.

Final voting:

Strategy 1 = 7 votes – Final discussion was to consider all three projects at some level. Staff will discuss options with the three candidates and report to the Board in July.

Strategy 2 = 7 votes – Final discussion was to invest \$6,000 (\$1,000 per month).

Strategy 3 = 4 votes

Strategy 4 = 1 vote

Strategy 5 = 5 votes – Final discussion was to invest \$12,000 for Startup funding -- \$5,000 each for two projects and \$1,000 each for technical assistance before funding would be approved to assure a successful outcome and reporting.

Denese and Dianne were asked to prepare a proposal and Service Report for the Board to review in July for final decisions.

Committee Signups

Board members were provided with a list of all committees with description and asked to choose a committee assignment for 2006-07.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date

