



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Dawn Cherne	Kim Bennett	Karin Schuyleman
	Lora Dear	Eric Daniels	Margie Staulcup
Fiduciary	Vyrn Muir	Venus Talarico	Ralph Talarico

Board members excused: Trisha Blomquist Barbara Little DeDe White
Betty Nomura Pat Sullivan Don Lincoln
Beth Adams

Guests present: Jennifer Cooper Paula Joneli Jean Hueston

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna

Call to order – Vice Chair Kim Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm

Quorum – There was not a quorum.

The lack of quorum for the second time in three months resulted in a conversation about state requirements for a quorum. A majority of Board members were present at both meetings BUT not 50% of the fiduciary members. Dianne will check with the Family Policy Council to get guidance on state requirements – is it the State of Washington that has required 50% non-fiduciary AND 50% fiduciary OR was that requirement simply part of the original SKCCN Bylaws. If a change is possible the Bylaws Committee will make a recommendation for change.

Approval of May 14 Minutes

Motion 1 Margie moved **to approve the May 14 minutes as written**. Second by Venus. The motion passed. *Note: Since there was not a legal quorum this motion will be ratified at the August 13 Board meeting.*

Youth Advisory Grant Presentation

Cornerstone United Methodist Church youth were unable to attend the meeting so their presentation was postponed.

S&A Audit Update

Venus and Denese reported to the Board about progress made during meetings held June 23 through June 25. The Team is working hard and is almost ready to begin writing a report. One consultant will return in September to work on the draft with the team.

Major fact finding/info gathering is complete:

1. over 20 interviews
2. multiple observations of civil and criminal courts
3. 7 focus groups with 3 more to go
4. analyzed 15 BIP charts
5. Reviewed state WACs, BIP curricula, BIP training manual, research and an assortment of other related documents

Initial Themes Being Explored

On June 29 the team met for 5 hours to begin to draft ideas for findings. The report will be largely written by consultant Graham Barnes, with a lot of involvement by the team.

- Themes being explored include:
 - **Information:** how it is collected and shared across systems – how can BIPs design individualized treatment plans and hold batterers accountable if they don't have access to full range of info? So battering continues in children's lives.
 - **Education/training:** vast differences in the levels of education and experience among providers and other key players like judges and court commissioners. BIPs report wanting more training. More expertise is needed regarding children. Professionals who make decisions about parenting are all too often those with the least training in how batterers use children.
 - **Linkages:** chasm between BIPs and DV advocates and even among BIPs; information does not flow between those responsible for victim safety and batterer accountability; how can we build more collaboration and trust into the system? How can children be protected when so few truly understand how children are used as a major tactic in battering.
 - **Accountability:** falls to victim and to BIPs, especially when probation is under-funded. System is so fragmented it makes holding batterers accountable very difficult. Without accountability children continue to be exposed.
 - **Rules and regulations:** state WACs per se are not the issue, monitoring those WACs is. "Restraint of trade" issue, claimed by some BIPs in law suits, sets up an atmosphere of distrust.
 - **Impact on children:** when the system is so fragmented, information doesn't flow, batterers are not held accountable, and regulations are not monitored, it increases the likelihood that children will continue to be used as central tactics in battering.
- Recommendations will be formulated during two conference calls to occur July 14 and Aug. 22. In the meantime the team is following up on some missing pieces of information.
- Draft report will be done by Sept. 15 when Graham will meet one more time with the audit Team. Final report should be complete by late Oct. and ready to be shared.

2008-09 Executive Committee Elections

Since there was not a quorum a vote for elections could not be "officially" taken. The terms of the current Executive Committee will expire on July 30 so some action was required. The Board did proceed with ballots with the intention of ratifying the results in August. Final "unofficial" election results:

Chair	Don Lincoln
Vice Chair	Lora Dear
Secretary	Beth Adams
Treasurer	Ralph Talarico

Lora suggested to the Board that Margie Staulcup be name as "Honorary Past Chair". Lora's reasoned that the proposed members of the incoming Executive Committee did not have a long history with the SKCCN. Often when considering decisions, policies and actions the Board needs to take it is helpful to have someone available, besides staff, to give an opinion of how the Board handled situations in the past. Margie also provides the Executive Committee and Board with excellent skills at negotiating when controversy erupts.

Motion 2 Lora moved **to appoint Margie Staulcup as "Honorary Past Chair" on the 2008-09 Executive Committee.** Second by Eric. The motion passed. *Note: Since there was not a legal quorum this motion will be ratified at the August 13 Board meeting.*

Betty Nomura Resignation

Margie reported to the Board that Betty Nomura tendered her resignation effective July 1, 2008. According to SKCCN bylaws:

Resignations: A Board member may resign by submitting written notice to the Network chairperson. Upon receipt of a resignation, the Board shall consider the resignation at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Unless the resignation is withdrawn in writing, it will be accepted by declaration of the Chair, with no further consideration, at the following meeting.

Since a letter was sent to only selected members of the Board, Dianne was asked to read the letter out loud. Betty's reason for resigning the Board was a result of her dissatisfaction with how Dianne had handled arrangements for the June FPC Summer Conference. Dianne provided the Board with a statement explaining the situation and actions taken. The Board was satisfied with the actions taken and Betty's resignation will become officially accepted by declaration at the August 13 Board meeting.

Staff Contracts

The Board entered into an Executive Session to discuss the details of staffing contracts for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Staff was excused from the room and no minutes were taken during this discussion. Upon reconvening the Board took the following action:

Motion 3 Vyrn moved to **approve the staff contracts for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 as presented.** Second by Margie. The motion passed. *Note: Since there was not a legal quorum this motion will be ratified at the August 13 Board meeting.*

SKCCN Raffle Update

Margie, Lora and Dianne reminded the Board how important it was for everyone to sell raffle tickets and return their money by August 4. The prizes are a really big reason the tickets are selling – everyone wants that television! The winning ticket will be drawn at a National Night Out Event being held at Towne & Country Suites on August 5 at 6:00 pm. All Board members are welcome to attend.

Committee Assignments and Board Affidavits

Since the meeting was running late this item was tabled until August 13.

SKCCN Summer Picnic Hosted by Vyrn Muir

Vyrn will host a picnic for the Board at his house on August 16th from 4 to 8 pm. All Board members and their spouses are invited. Vyrn will provide brats, chicken and burgers along with pop and water. Board members are asked to bring a side dish and lawn chairs. Sorry but Vyrn's house is not big enough for the whole family so this is an adults only event. Cyndy will be organizing the RSVP's and side dishes. A map quest message will be sent to everyone so they can find Vyrn's house. THANKS VYRN!!!!

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:05

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date