



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 12, 2007, 5:00 pm

**Location:** Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Kent, WA

**Board members present:**

Non-Fiduciary	Trisha Blomquist	Kim Bennett	Kristin Gauthier
	Karin Schuyleman	Lora Dear	Margie Staulcup
	Betty Nomura	DeDe White	
Fiduciary	C.C. Scott	Don Lincoln	Marsha Medgard
	Lela Brugger		

**Board members excused:** Vyrn Muir

**Guests present:** Jean Hueston Venus Talarico Rafael Bautista

**Staff members present:** Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna Cyndy Bracelen

**Call to order** – Chair Don Lincoln called the meeting to order at 5:05

**Quorum** – There was a quorum.

**Agenda** – Approved as written

**Approval of August 8 Minutes**

**Motion 1** Trisha moved to **approve the July 11 minutes as written**. Second by Karin. The motion passed.

**Planning – Final Decision on Theory of Change**

Denese provided the Board with a final draft for the “2007-09 Theory of Change” as edited in collaboration with Judith Cary. The Board liked the flow and felt it told the story well. It will read:

Children exposed to adverse childhood experiences, such as domestic violence, are at much higher risk of becoming the next generation of abusers and/or victims. Yet, many of these children go on to lead healthy lives. Research tells us that by taking a strength-based approach, both adult and child victims can be helped to build resilience and, thereby, create protective factors that break the cycle of abuse. Children’s futures are greatly enhanced by facilitating their relationships with other significant people in their lives. Uncovering children’s specific needs will help improve the community responses.

**Motion 2** Betty moved to **approve the 2007-09 Theory of Change**. Second by Trisha. The motion passed.

**Planning – 2005-07 Report Reviews and Process for Finalizing Form 2**

Dianne explained that each committee had been asked to review the reports for efforts they oversee and report to the Board on highlights of the reports.

C.C. reported on behalf of the PRP Committee. She found the report accurately represented the work that had been done on Collaborations/Partnerships. Board and staff worked hard to build new partnerships and solidify existing partnerships. She agreed that the SKCCN effort had achieved the seven main goals:

1. Assist the community to reach consensus on the desired community responses.
2. Help systems align their goals, strategies and outcomes
3. Inform planning about best and promising practices
4. Encourage partners to include survivors in the planning, implementation and evaluation processes
5. Identify policy issues for consideration by SKCCN Board.

6. Plan and conduct conferences for professionals.
7. Help design and demonstrate best practices for making early learning services culturally competent.

Margie reported on behalf of the Executive Committee on the Direct Service Projects and Board Development Reports.

*Direct Services* - She was impressed with the amount that each direct service project had accomplished with just a little money. She was particularly excited about the work Barb Gurley had done with the Startups. She suggested this was a very cost effective way to assist emerging efforts and a strategy the SKCCN should use in the future.

*Board Development* – She felt the education that had been provided through the FPC and other avenues had made a great deal of difference in the functioning of the Board. New Board Orientation had helped Board members reach their potential much quicker. Margie encouraged all Board members to attend provided trainings whenever possible – especially new members.

Betty reported on the Federal Way and Tukwila Reviews. The Federal Way effort was a great success building partnerships with many key people in that city. It also resulted in the passage of two ordinances – one of which went statewide – and in the creation of a community “Call to Action” campaign. The Tukwila Review is in it’s starting stages but already shows the same promise for success and change.

Dianne reported on behalf of the CAT Committee on the Targeted Audience and Professional Training Reports.

*Professional Training* - She was excited about the growth of the Children’s DV Conference. In 2005 almost 500 attended and in 2006 there were 460 – this is almost double the previous years. In fact the Conference outgrew the original site and had to move the UofW. The next step in growth will be for the SKCCN to take on the task of fiscal agent.

*Targeted Audiences* – This effort started off with what we thought was a failure when only 10 people showed for the first training. However it led to a second training at Valley and the MultiCare Brown Bags which are still showing results. The school effort also had highs and lows due mainly to the pressure of the WASL on educators. Auburn and Kent really went no where but Federal Way was wonderful. Dianne believes that Federal Way was successful because of the partnership that resulted from the Review.

Denese reported that she has taken the information from the reports and used those thoughts to create Form 2 which is a summary of the SKCCN actions in 2005-07. The Executive Summary was discussed by the Executive Committee and their input has been included along with that from the other Committees.

**Motion 3** C.C. moved **to approve the 2005-07 Reports as submitted.** Second by Betty. The motion passed.

**Motion 4** Kim moved **to allow Executive Committee to approve the final Form 2 document.** Second by Lora. The motion passed.

### **Planning – Population Focus – Abusive Fathers or Abusive Parents**

Discussion of gender was lengthy at the August Board meeting and a final decision was tabled so the Board could consider options during the month. Each Board member was given a 30 second window of opportunity to give there thoughts before a final vote was taken:

- Even if we get backlash it is SKCCN responsibility to bridge the gaps
- We shouldn’t exclude anyone
- Working with both genders is key to breaking the cycle
- We spent past three decades making parenting equal – we need to stay neutral on gender
- People need education on both sides of parenting
- Characteristics of perpetrators can relate to either sex
- It is important to have a definition that includes the many diverse families in SKC affected by DV
- It is our responsibility to continue to be a link between community & partners & bridge the gap between any “red flags” or concerns that may result from this decision
- Fathers are not the only abusers

**Motion 5** Trisha moved **that the population focus for 2007-09 include both genders and be gender neutral – stated as abusive parents.** Second by C.C.. The motion passed.

**Planning – Form 3 SKCCN Strategies and Work Proposal and Statement of Work**

Denese provided the Board with a Work Plan grid that included project name/description, expected measurable outcomes, expected indicators, how measurements would be taken and when reports would be made to the Board. The Work Plan was the result of many conversations at the Committee level and each piece had been reviewed by the Board previously.

The plan did not included continued work with school districts and did not mention opening doors with the ESD which had been discussed earlier. CAT explained that they had prioritized the strategies they felt were most important and decided that work with schools would continue through the PTA's in Tukwila. The Committee felt there would be better traction in Tukwila due to the Review – a lesson learned in Federal Way. Measuring success with targeted audiences is always difficult so the committee will work on a doable plan at their next meeting so it can be included in the service report.

Denese discussed Form 3 and the Statement of Work with the Board explaining that they had already approved the vast majority of that report piece by piece when they approved the Theory of Change, population, work plan etc. She will draft the final language and asked that the Executive Committee be allowed to approve before submittal.

**Motion 6** C.C moved to approve the draft work plan with suggested changes. Second by Trisha. The motion passed.

**Motion 7** Betty moved to allow the Executive Committee to approve Form 3 and the Statement of Work for submission to the Family Policy Council. Second by Lora. The motion passed.

**Committee and Staff Reports**

All reports were provided in writing.

PRP – C.C. Scott announced a change in jobs and will no longer be eligible to sit on the SKCCN Board. She was sad to leave the group and will keep track of our efforts. The Board was also sad to lose such a wonderful member.

Meeting adjourned – 7:00

Minutes Approved:

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Signed Date