



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009, 6:00 pm

Location: Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Kent, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Jan Carlson	Abby White	Karin Schuyleman
	Cynthia Chandler	Margie Staulcup	
Fiduciary	Lora Dear	Jennifer Cooper	DeDe White

Board members excused: Ada Daniels Marti Steindl Kim Bennett
Eric Daniels Paula Joneli Rose Marie Borchers
Margie Staulcup Venus Talarico Ralph Talarico

Guests present: None

Staff members present: Dianne Heide

Call to order – Chair Lora Dear called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Quorum – There was a not a quorum.

The Board discussed the problems associated with not having a quorum for the meeting. Several decisions the Board was to consider were of critical importance and needed to be made during the September Board meeting if the SKCCN was to meet FPC deadlines. It was decided that Board would continue as if there was a quorum. All decisions will be considered advisory and will be ratified by the Board at the October 14 meeting. Dianne will call Board members who are missing meetings to find out if they intend to continue working for the SKCCN.

Announcements

Abby reminded the Board that Chico's in Kent Station was hosting a fundraising event for the SOSDV Walk-A-Thon on September 16. All Board members were encouraged to attend and bring friends. Chico's will donate 10% of all sales to the Walk-A-Thon.

Lora informed the Board that the Family Policy Council (FPC) rejected the SKCCN Community Context report. The letter from the FPC gave two reasons – lack of data and lack of community dialogue. She had already met with Jennifer and Dianne to discuss how to redo the report and resubmit to the FPC. Dianne asked the FPC for an extension on SKCCN September 30 deadline for submittal of the SOW and Service Reports to October 31 and the FPC has approved the request. The SOW will not be approved until the FPC has a new Community Context Report that meets expectations. The plan is to work on all of the documents and submit everything by October 31.

Approval of August 12 Minutes

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Data Reports

The Board was presented with data collected through the Healthy Youth Survey 2008. Margie, Jennifer and Dianne met with Dario Longhi, Family Policy Council, and JoAnne Ray, retired data analyst, to develop this preliminary information that will guide the Board through the planning process and help the SKCCN get a handle on what is happening in the community. The Board found the information enlightening especially the information about problems in Enumclaw since that is one of the communities being discussed for an Affiliate Network. Other sources of data will be needed. Two websites that will be checked out include the American Bar Association and the Department of Justice.

There was a lot of talk about which cities represented School District A, B and C. Jennifer warned the Board to not speculate on this – it is unwise to speculate when considering data because it can skew decisions. Data is based on facts and not opinions.

The Board discussed the choices for Affiliate Networks as presented at the August Board meeting. The data concerning Enumclaw was informative and the SKCCN has never done any projects in Enumclaw so the Board thought it would be a good community to consider for an Affiliate. Federal Way also seemed like a good fit given the many partnerships formed in the community due to the Review. The other ideas considered were also good especially Tukwila but these two seemed to stand out.

Motion 1 Abby moved to **focus exploration for Affiliate Networks in the Enumclaw and Federal Way communities.** Second by Jan. The motion passed.

SKCCN Focus

Dianne shared an email from Laura Porter, Staff Director for the FPC, with the Board. The email expressed Laura's concerns stating: *"I have been concerned about the South King County Network focus on children who witness domestic violence because of the over ten year timeframe of outcomes from the investments. The ten year time frame is a part of the Family Policy Council contract framework – that you are working toward child and family improvements that can occur within ten years – and is also important because the complex factors that affect your ability to improve rates become so numerous in ten years, that monitoring positive change in a time period over ten years seems nearly impossible. I do recognize the importance of the issues and the work, so I have been flexible with the board's selected focus, and am watching the rates data to see if there are ancillary benefits that do happen within the ten year time frame. I would hesitate to build more upon a foundation that already presents basic potential conflicts with RCW 70.190."*

Laura went on to suggest several ideas for the SKCCN focus. Among those ideas was Healthy Youth Development. The Board discussed this suggestion and thought it would be an extension of the work they have done over the past ten years. They could still include children exposed and could continue with their work on teen dating violence/healthy relationships. The Board also felt the preliminary data from Healthy Youth Survey 2008 showed that the Board needed to address other issues. The Adverse Childhood Experiences study has clearly shown that problems don't happen alone – they are co-occurring and the Board needs to look at the whole child. The phrase "holistic" approach was the best description for the vision.

It was agreed that this focus was a new idea and a great deal of research would be needed during the planning stages. Everyone wanted to make sure that decisions were not based on "heart felt opinions" but instead on due diligence to collect the data or facts. Given the low budget figure available everyone agreed the important part of the planning would be to "target" our work.

The Board members present were very concerned that this decision would not be acceptable to those members not present – especially since there was not a quorum present. It was decided that the decision would be revisited if any member of the Board not present wanted to hear more conversation on the idea. Dianne will send a message making sure that everyone knows about the new focus and letting them know their voice is important – they should speak up if they want more discussion.

What does "Healthy Youth Development" really mean?

The phrase is wonderful but what will it mean to SKCCN planning? The Board did a little brainstorming:

- Teen dating
- Health & wellness
- Healthy relationships
- Peer support and mentoring
- Community connections – learning to dialogue at home, school or work
- Building self respect
- Developing awareness of choices

The Board also considered the strategies or steps to work on this focus:

- Raising community awareness – including ACES – but how to do that?
- Building new skills and levels of information on a new subject

- Data, Data, Data
- Figuring out “who is the village”
- Learning even more about resiliency
- Defining “youth” – What ages are included? Does it include early childhood?

Motion 2 Jennifer moved **to adopt a focus on Healthy Youth Development for the SKCCN’s work in 2009-11 with a special focus on 1-healthy relationships, 2-community connections, 3-ACES & resiliency, and 4-developing awareness of choices.** Second by Cynthia. The motion passed.

Theory of Change

The Board then considered how their Theory of Change would be changed to meet this new focus. The current Theory reads:

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.

Does this statement still define the vision for the Boards work? During the August Board meeting the Board agreed their work had been too focused on the intervention side of the work and did not address resiliency and prevention as they had intended. Now with this new focus the Theory also seems too focused on domestic violence so some wording changes would be needed. Dianne and Jennifer were asked to look at the current Theory and present an edited version that would fit the new focus for Board consideration in October.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 8:00