

**Wahkiakum Community Network**  
Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda  
Monday, January 7, 2008, 7:00 PM  
River Street Meeting Room

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Tawater at 7:09 PM at the River Street meeting room. In attendance were: Michanne Sealund, Abby Burns, Bill Tawater, Carrie Kennedy, Susan Schillios, Lisa Ridout, Anne Snyder, Karen Fleming, Linda Hartung, Carole Lewis, Pat Reese (guest - Pioneer Church Association), Paula Carlson (guest - Pioneer Church Association), Liz Haeck (guest – Cowlitz Community Network), Lia Sealund (director). A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Previous Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed; *Karen Fleming moved to approve; Lisa seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Executive Committee** – Minutes were provided for Executive Meetings dated December 14, 2008. Carrie and Lia will attend the Community Mob trainings in January and March. They will be commuting so the hotel fees will be waived at least for the January training.

**Guest Input, Public Comment:** Carrie Kennedy reported that with the Budget cuts for WSU Extension Office they will only be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Jennifer Leach will now be full time in Cowlitz County. Carrie will be taking over the primary position in the WSU Extension Office.

Pat Reese and Paula Carlson presented information from the Pioneer Church Association. They have received a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission for \$2000. They are asking for additional funds (\$500) to expand their music programs directed toward high school students. They are planning for two school assemblies and a Saturday workshop. Karen commented that the materials presented showed a well thought-out approach. Linda asked if the performances would be billed as nonsmoking and alcohol-free. They said they would work with WCN to put something on the program. Lia said she will explore available funds and present options to the Executive Committee. *Michanne moved to fund Pioneer Church Association \$500 on the condition that at least two youth are consulted and have input about the artists. Carrie seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.*

**Presentations** - Linda Hartung presented a summary of training at the Family Policy Council Partner Summit/Pegasus Summit. She thanked WCN for giving her this opportunity. She shared Raffe Covoukina's book, Child Honoring; Boeing Panels' discussion of revamping their whole system with implications on how this might work in other areas; Van Jones' diagram of four quadrants [learning to focus on solutions vs. the problems]. Linda also shared the five "Adopter Categories" which are relevant to changing community norms: Innovators (first users of a product/idea); Early Adopters (considered to be venturesome people willing to take risks); Early Majority (who enjoy leadership, prestige, and who tend to be opinion leaders); Late Majority (usually skeptical of change and will adopt an innovation only after a majority has tried it ); Laggards (are the last to change. They are usually price-conscious, suspicious of change, tradition bound, and conservative by nature).

Bill reported on the 2007 Healthy Youth Summit (December 12) stating that it was a great group of kids and interesting to hear what they had to say. Lia said that she heard youth say that they would have like more youth interaction with pull out sessions. Michanne suggested more interaction between schools. They are working on how to do that next time. One suggested made was to hold high school and middle school separately. A summary was emailed to board members. Naselle's Thursday Night Game Night was discussed. Loren Davis told Lia that he would like to have a conversation about it. Carrie said that 4-H would be interested in it, too.

**Allocations:** Susan Schillios commented on the need for the Allocations Committee to meet to review outcome reports, and suggested Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is the first time possible to meet. Lia will set up time and location. St. James Family Center received a \$20,000 Children's Trust Grant with the possibility of \$40,000 for the next four years and thanked WCN for their letter of support.

Michanne gave an overview of the schedule for Rachel's Challenge activities for January 10<sup>th</sup> and invited board members to attend the evening session at 7:00 PM. Rachel's Challenge is made possible financially from the support of the Sheriff's Department, Charlotte House, WCN and Wahkiakum School District.

There was a discussion about the merging of the Prevention Intervention Specialist position with the Counseling position for the K-8 schools. WCN provides part of the financial support for both positions. Lia met with Teresa Libby, Sam Kresge, and Bob Garrett to discuss the "merge of positions" into one and provided the board with a Service Report that outlines outcomes and benchmarks of this merged position. *Lisa motioned to accept the revised Service Report for the K-8 Wahkiakum Counselor; Carole seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Public Relations/Planning** – Carole shared a 2008 planning calendar for the "Did You Know..." community norms column in the Eagle. Anyone who has something they would like to see in the Eagle please let Carole, Linda or Lia know.

Linda provided a presentation about Change Theory/Bell Curve presentation she received at the Pegasus/FPC Summit training.

SAMHSA's Town Hall Meeting (tentative dates: March 31 – April 4, 2008) discussion ~ Lia shared that the last Town Hall (2006) was to assess community readiness to change community norms related to underage drinking and suggested it may too soon hold another one. Linda suggested holding it as a workshop, a call to action; Carrie said we could share: Here's what we've done; here's what we need to do. Lisa shared her view as a parent and the possibility of a group of adults of same age children getting together to discuss "Parents sticking together"; problem solving; creating a "Safe House" atmosphere. *Linda moved to hold the town hall as a call to action workshop; Carrie seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The board members that volunteered for the planning committee include Lisa, Ann, Carrie, Chris, Linda.*

**Administrative** – Lia discussed the cost effectiveness of the CADCA training in Washington, DC. She discussed the benefits and the burdens of the trip explaining that more WCN member could have greater benefit (\$) by taking advantage of local/regional opportunities [a suggested list was provided including Community Mobilization training, National Coalition Academy and National Youth Leadership Academy]. *After extensive discussion, Lisa moved to discontinue sending WCN members to Washington, DC CADCA training in lieu of other more cost effective options. Michanne seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

WCN has submitted a grant proposal (\$5000) for the Skate Park project to Wahkiakum Community Foundation, as requested by the skate park committee. WCN is the fiscal agent for the Skateboard Park project. The board discussed whether or not to accept the grant, if approved, due to the source of funding from Bradwood Landing funding (LNG). The decision has been tabled for February's board meeting.

Lia provided an update on the hiring of the PR Coordinator. Interview committee volunteers (Carole, Chris, Kassy, Linda, Bill) will interview applicants January 14<sup>th</sup>

Lia shared information on the value of the Healthy Youth Survey vs. Developmental Assets. She stated that most grant providers look at HYS and not DA. Linda pointed out information gleaned from DA that she did not find in HYS. The discussion centered on funding, school time for surveys, efficacy of results, value to funders, need for two surveys. Sylvie is OK with not using it. Linda will ask Health and Human Resources; Susan will check with St. James. Decision is table until more information is gathered. It is noted both Wahkiakum and Naselle-Grays River School District have already identified that they do not use the DA survey. This item will be discussed further at the Drug Free Community Grant planning meeting.

**Community Events and Educational Opportunities** – Announcements were given on upcoming opportunities and training. Lia announced WCN will hold a workshop on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 – 3:00 PM at the River Street meeting room to design the next grant application for the Drug Free Community Grant. Board members and service providers are encouraged to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 9: 30 PM  
Minutes submitted by Carole O. Lewis, Secretary