

Wahkiakum Community Network
Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 8, 2009 6:00 PM
River Street Meeting Room

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kassy Burdick at 6:00 PM at the River Street Meeting Room. In attendance were Chris Holmes, Linda Hartung, Anne Snyder, Kassy Burdick, Nichole Tarabochia, Abby Burns, Sara Niemela, Carole Lewis, Kari Schillios, Carrie Kennedy, Beth Hansen, Karen Fleming, Tammy Peterson – PR Coordinator, and Lia Sealund - Director. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. *Chris moved to approve the previous minutes; Abby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Training Summaries – Tammy and Sara shared information from the workshop: “Present Like a Pro”. Tammy gave an example of the “20 second elevator speech”. Tammy attended ESD 112 Healthy Youth Survey training to explore how to utilize the survey further; while attending, she shared that Wahkiakum Community Network’s example of sharing data from the Healthy Youth Survey at our Youth Summit was described by ESD 112 as an exemplary idea of what to do with data.

Breakout Sub-committee Sessions – We broke into subcommittee groups for 45 minutes of planning. A new subcommittee “Fund Raising” was formed. Chris Holmes, Kassy Burdick and Carrie Kennedy joined the group. The Allocations Committee did not meet at this time. Abby Burns temporarily joined the PR subcommittee. Nichole Tarabochia temporarily joined the Membership Committee.

Reports

Administrative – Lia discussed the “Youth Employment Grant” and the need to expedite the application process. The network is working in collaboration with Wahkiakum County Port 2. Lia also presented the possibility of applying for a grant to support the local mentoring and a RUAD underage drinking grant. *Carole moved that Lia proceed with the application process for these grants. Kari seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Allocations Committee – Abby Burns volunteered to fill the role as Chair for this committee. Nichole volunteered to fill the role at the end of the school year when Abby relocates for college.

Planning Committee – Karen Fleming was voted Chairman of the Planning Committee; Karen shared that the group looked through the bylaws and will need to work on a code of ethics before adding an “Ethics” section. They discussed continuing the “Pre-Prom Pledge” the local high school. Abby, Kari, and Carole said they would work with Wahkiakum High. Nicole will check with the leadership at Naselle High to see if they would like to have a Pre-Prom Pledge. Both proms are on May 9th. The work includes providing lunch to those who work pledge tables; Pledge poster to sign; recruiting groups of 3 to work each day; providing a camera to take pictures of each student who signs the pledge.

The committee discussed Community Norms Survey and agreed to review our survey tool at May’s regular board meeting. It was agreed to do the bottle tagging prior to high school graduation rather than prom weekend. Linda presented “Responsible Liquor & Tobacco Sales” workshop to be offered to all local vendors and their employees on April 21st, 10:00 – 12:30 at the River Street Building. *Karen moved that WCN provide refreshments at the event. Sara seconded and motion carried unanimously.*

Fund Raising Committee – Chris, Kassy, Carrie shared their idea for partnering with Wahkiakum Fair Board to provide a “Bull Ride” at the August County Fair. They brainstormed ideas for raising additional monies by possibly: selling T-shirts; taking photos; having package deals; and creating bumper stickers (E.g. “Friends don’t let friends ride drunk”). They plan to have poster contest at the local schools in June and present awards for the winner(s) at Bald Eagle Days in July.

Membership Committee – *Beth Hansen, chairman, moved the nomination of Kassy Burdick: non-fiduciary education (Wahkiakum School Dist.) and Karen Fleming: non-fiduciary local government*

(County Commissioner dist. 1: Marsyla) reappointment of membership on the Network for a three year term. Chris seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The committees discussed vacant positions and are looking for two positions to be filled by people who live within the city limits. They discussed the new membership column for WCN newsletter and began taking pictures and gathering information for biographies of board members.

Public Relations Committee – Sara Niemela, chairman, gave an update of BRAG NIGHT 2009– Honoring Community Volunteers [Wednesday, April 22nd; 6 – 8 PM at the Elochoman Grange]. Briefly: invitations have been sent; catering by Beta Sigma Phi; Decorations by Holly Longtain; Sound system has been purchased; Carrie Kennedy’s youth group is video taping a representative from local agencies who use volunteers – video will be presented at Brag Night; Their next planning meeting will be on April 15th at 7:00 PM at Carole’s.

Meth Initiative Project – Chris presented the discussion to plan the Meth Initiative public education events. The committee is planning to do three events by June 30th: One at each high school and one for the community at large. This even will focus on presenting how to identify meth, community norms related to substance abuse such as theft, poverty and health concerns and family welfare. Colleen requested the Network consider presenting education on other substances of pressing concern. Carole moved that WCN provide monies to cover expenses for these events. Abby seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Announcements

7:45 Upcoming Events, Trainings, Opportunities

- Binge and Blackout Presentation April 16th
- Brag Night: April 22 6:00 – 8:00 PM; Elochoman Valley Grange
- CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute: July 27-30; Louisville Kentucky (Sara has expressed interest in attending this event)

Network Meetings: Executive Committee at 5:00 PM; Regular Board Meeting or Network Café at 6:00 PM

May 6	Regular Board Meeting	September 2	Networking Café
June 3	Network Café	October 7	Regular Board Meeting
July – No Regular Board Meeting – summer break		November 4	Regular Board Meeting
August 5	Regular Board Meeting	December 2	Networking Cafe

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM; respectfully submitted, Carole Lewis, Secretary