

Wahkiakum Community Network
Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2008, 7:00 PM
River Street Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Holmes at 7:00 PM at the River Street Meeting Room. In attendance were Erin Wilson, Kassy Burdick, Nicole Tarabochia, Kari Schillios, Susan Schillios, Anne Snyder, Linda Hartung, Steve McClain, Tammy Peterson – PR Coordinator, and Lia Sealund - Director. A quorum was not present. Introductions were made. Per the Network by laws, motions can be made and carried provided it is unanimous in decision.

Previous Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed; *Kassy moved to approve; Susan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Tammy presented Lisa Ridout and Steve McClain with a thank you card for their volunteerism on the board of directors in recognition of their anniversaries with the Network. Lisa celebrated her first anniversary and Steve celebrated his 14th year. A cake was presented in their honor.

Training Summaries ~ Tammy presented a summary of training she has completed on Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft PowerPoint. Both courses will assist Tammy in fulfilling her duties as Public Relations Coordinator. If board members would like to refer questions to Tammy, she can assist with these software programs and has an operations manual available as well.

Tammy attended the Family Policy Council Summer Conference in Ocean Shores in June. This training gave Tammy the opportunity to meet with funders, network with other Community Networks and develop an understanding of the goals and legislative intent of community health and safety networks.

Abby, Kari, Nichole and Tammy attended the CADCA National Youth Leadership Conference July 28-31, 2008. This was a chance for participants to focus on local problems specific to their communities and explore how to develop a logic model. Kari reported that the event was very beneficial; Kari and Abby focused their work on underage drinking. Nichole said the experience was interesting; she focused her work on marijuana use among teens. Lia offered to meet with Nichole and provide her some additional data on substance use among Naselle students from the Healthy Youth Survey. Tammy reported the event was well planned and included multiple activities to engage the youth in prevention exercises and informal networking opportunities. *The participants will put together a series of trainings for the board to cover the materials they learned. Lia will place this on the agenda.*

Bob Garrett provided the board a written summary of the training attended at the NW Alcohol Conference in Boise Idaho and formally thanked the board for allowing him to attend. Bob found the training enlightening regarding the volume of contraband and weapons other School Resource Officers confiscate from students. Bob would like to recommend Wahkiakum SRO Jeff Fithen attend next year.

Linda and Lia presented a summary of the Drug Free Community Grant technical assistance training in Vancouver. Discussion revolved around the lack of consistent data from the Healthy Youth Survey for the four core measures required for the Drug Free Community Grant. Core measures include 30 Day Use, Life-Time Use (Average Age of First Initiation), Perception of Harm and Perception of Parental Disapproval of Substance Use. The Perception of Parental Disapproval was a question left off the 2006 survey; Lia and Sylvie have worked together to develop a mini-survey to gather this data and the survey has been approved by SAMHSA's evaluator Battelle. Implementing the mini-survey may require assistance from the Network; *Lia is working with Bob Garrett of Wahkiakum School District to arrange for implementation. Board members offering assistance to implement the survey include Chris Holmes, Kassy Burdick, Steve McClain, Kari Schillios, and Linda Hartung.* Linda presented the idea that perhaps

our Network can develop a draft template that reflects if a community is a healthy community. It would follow the similar idea that a diagnosis for alcoholism is a check-list of sorts, with a series of questions to reflect if the user is prone to alcoholism. The same may hold true for a healthy community. Using a series of questions, the Network may be able to use this as a template to demonstrate if a policy or program will help or harm the community and its families and can be used to build collaboration as well as community improvements. Linda presented this idea for discussion at the DFCG training and found considerable interest in creating this type of template. Perhaps the idea can be presented to Sylvie McGee, the Network's evaluator for assistance in development.

Membership ~ Washington State Employment has nominated a replacement for the fiduciary vacancy left after resignation of Sharon Nagle. Aimee Pino has expressed interest in filling that role on the Network board of directors. Kari Schillios has offered to take the vacancy left after resignation of Alec Sealund due to his unavailability because of graduating high school and moving on to college. Kaelee Dearmore has expressed interest in joining the Network to represent the faith community by representing her youth group at her church in Rosburg. *Steve moved to nominate Aimee Pino as fiduciary Employment Security; Kari Schillios as non-fiduciary youth representing Wahkiakum School District and Kaelee Dearmore as non-fiduciary service organization representing the faith community to be appointed as board members. Kassy second and the motion carried unanimously. Welcome!*

Executive Committee ~ Minutes were provided for the Executive Meeting's for May, June and July

Public Relations ~ An update was presented for Syndemics Workshop scheduled for August 28th as a public education opportunity and August 29th as in-service work day for Wahkiakum School District. Volunteers were recruited to fill positions of the sign in table, meet and greet and set up/clean up.

Allocations ~ Kassy provided a written summary of Allocations Committee activity, minutes and recommendations for funding presented to the Executive Committee in June for new biennium funding.

Administrative ~ Lia requested tabling presentation of the Community Mobilization evaluation score card until the next board meeting. The August Fair Board meeting was presented for discussion. On August 13th Wahkiakum Community Network was invited to meet with the fair board to discuss the idea that the fair board may wish to implement a beer garden at the fair this year. Lia has met with the fair board manager and candidate in the 2008 elections for Wahkiakum County Commissioner Bill Coons to gather information and assess whether the fair board supports the idea. Bill has expressed the fair board's frustration to become self-sustaining and is considering this as a viable option to generate funding. Bill stated he is in favor of the beer garden if it can generate upwards of \$5,000. Lia asked if the fair board would run some preliminary cost projections to determine the anticipated income, and in the mean time Lia would present the idea that the Network may be interested in investing in a fundraiser for the fair if the fair board would reconsider abstaining from implementing the beer garden. In the mean time, Lia has distributed the information out to local community leaders and community members to gather support to abstain from a beer garden on the pretense that the fair is one of the few healthy, family friendly venues without alcohol. Lia presented this for discussion and recommended the Network be present at the fair board meeting to communicate that the youth have expressed frustration with alcohol availability at local public events. If we, as a community wish for youth to choose healthy activities without the need for alcohol to be present to have fun, adults will have to model that behavior and set positive role models. Board members Linda Hartung, Erin Wilson, Carole Lewis, Carrie Kennedy, Jon Dearmore and Lia Sealund all volunteered to attend the fair board meeting to discuss this further. Additionally, Chris proposed the board consider offering \$1,000 to the fair on the condition that is used to develop additional funds to help the fair become self-sustaining without a beer garden. *Steve moved to approve the recommendation to offer \$1,000 of direct service funding for the 2008 fair; Kassy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting Concluded at 9:00 PM; Respectfully submitted, Lia Sealund, Director