

Wahkiakum Community Network
Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 2009 6:00 – 8:15 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 Susan Schillios, Karen Fleming, Andrew Weiler, Evelyn Clark, Chris Gonzalez, Ashley Helms, Jon Dearmore, Anne Snyder, Nicole Tarabochia, Carrie Kennedy, Erin Wilson, and Kate Weiler – guest, Chris Weiler – guest, Shelby Felton - guest, Tammy Peterson - Coordinator and Lia Sealund - Director. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Training Summaries – Andrew, Chris, Evelyn, and Ashley presented a PowerPoint presentation of the training they received from CADCA’s National Youth Leadership Initiative. They attended the training with Tammy Peterson and reported how to use the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and logic model to address national problems like tobacco use and the local problem of teen pregnancy. Participants reported they felt there was benefit to attending a national level training because it offered a great opportunity to network with other communities and discover how other coalitions are dealing with their problems. They also reported that it provided them a broader understanding of the Network’s role in our community.

Executive Committee – Kassy presented minutes from previous Executive Committees in June and July for review.

Membership Committee – The committee made nominations to appoint five new youth board members to the Network:

- Andrew Weiler – non-fiduciary local government (Cathlamet Town Council)
- Chris Gonzalez – non-fiduciary religious community (Assembly of God)
- Ashley Helms – non-fiduciary Youth At Large
- Evelyn Clark – non-fiduciary Youth At Large
- Jordyn Wirkkala – non-fiduciary Youth At Large

Jon moved to accept the nominations for the five youth; Erin second and the motion passed unanimously. (Note: At the conclusion of the meeting Shelby Felton expressed an interest in joining the Network. Lia will explore appointment to the Wahkiakum School District youth representative, replacing the vacancy that occurred due to Kari Schillios leaving the board to continue her education at college).

Planning – The committee spent considerable time reviewing a template for a draft Code of Conduct, a board member application, and considered whether it would be applicable to request board member’s consent to a background check. Lia informed the board that the Network’s legal consultant, Heidi Heywood has recommended it. Jon offered caution that there may be strict limitations to access a youth’s background check and it would be only for a need to know basis. Karen questioned confidentiality and who may be at privy to review the results and Lia expressed concern regarding retaining confidential records. Lia spoke of research she conducted where she found a company that allows the person to enter their own information into the system, but both Linda and Jon offered concern that a person may opt to enter inaccurate information to protect from disclosing a negative record. The committee agreed to continue discussion at future board meetings to develop this policy.

Allocations Committee – The committee began review of grant applications for the new fiscal year. Lia presented 10 applications for funding for the new fiscal year. The total request was \$40,372. Total funds available are \$27,000. The committee began scoring applications but did not have enough time to complete the review and make recommendations. The committee was adjourned and will continue at resume on Tuesday August 11th. They will meet at 4:30 PM at the PUD public meeting room. Kassy called for a motion to allow the Executive Committee call a special meeting to review the Allocations

recommendations for funding and make the decision on the allocations, rather than wait until the next board meeting, which is the Networking Café in September. *Erin moved to allow the Executive Committee to hold a special meeting to review and allocate direct service funds; Kassy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Fundraising Committee – Kassy announced the committee will meet Thursday at 5:00PM, everyone is invited to attend. She announced she needs volunteers to work the bull riding fundraiser at the Wahkiakum County Fair August 20 – 22, 2009. She will order ribbons to be awarded for bull riding participation as well as various levels of achievement.

Coordinators Report – Tammy presented a revised Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) for consideration. At the conclusion of the first year of the YLI, exit interviews were held with our youth and included current youth Sara Niemela, board chair Kassy Burdick and Tammy and Lia. During the exit interview we reviewed the YLI and made the following suggested revisions:

- Require 58 hours of volunteer work on the Network board, to be accumulated over the life of the board member
- Require 9/11 board meetings and/or Networking Café's to be attended the senior year
- Alternates are suggested, though they do not earn scholarship funds
- The scholarship fund will be equally divided among eligible senior board members

Tammy distributed hard copies for board member consideration; a vote was tabled to ensure board members have time to review the initiative. It will be placed on the October agenda.

Directors Report – Lia gave an update on funding – we have closed out the fiscal year for the Family Policy Council and Community Mobilization grants and have begun a new contract for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st. Closeout reports for Family Policy Council were introduced in June for discussion, with final versions will be distributed electronically and in hard copy at October's meeting. There have been no updates on the renewal application for the Drug Free Community Grant yet.

Announcements – Susan announced a free women's self-defense class to be held at St. James Family Center and sponsored by Charlotte House on Wednesday August 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Contact Susan Schillios for more information at 795-8603. Linda announced she has arranged to borrow the "If you booze, you lose" cows from Cowlitz County. They will be on display at the Wahkiakum County Fair. She also announced she recently made a presentation to the Wahkiakum Chamber and they suggested a member of the Network join the Chamber. And, the Chamber is sponsoring a long-board event in September and is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Carrie announced the 4-H Media Club is going to host an opportunity to be in prevention film clips at the Wahkiakum County Fair and invited folks to come participate. This project was sponsored by Wahkiakum Community Network.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Wilson
Vice-Secretary