

**Wahkiakum Community Network**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**River Street Meeting Room**

**Attending**— Meeting was called to order by Bill Tawater at 7:00 pm. Attending were: Bill Tawater, Kassy Burdick, Narci Carlson, Suzi Mackey, Karen Fleming, Beth Hansen, Kem Chism, Carol Carver, Theresa Libby, JoAnn Prestegard, Anne Snyder, Jodie Tawater, Anne Patching (guest), and Lia Sealund (staff)

**Minutes**— *Carol Carver moved to approve the minutes dated January 9, 2006; JoAnn Prestegard seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**Financial**— The financial report and vouchers were approved at the Executive Committee meeting on January 20, 2006, but since the committee meeting, two additional vouchers have been submitted for reimbursements, voucher #1134 for \$193.95, and voucher #1123 for 1,735.80. *Karen Fleming moved to approve the additional vouchers as submitted; Theresa Libby seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**Executive Report**— Discussion focused on the work expectations for the Sustainability Consultant. The position for the Sustainability Consultant has been advertised in Wahkiakum County, Pacific County, and Cowlitz County newspapers and to other networks. Committee members discussed personnel and moved to accept a request to increase the administrative coordinator compensation after comparing 19 other coalition rates for similar expectations. The discussion was put to the board for any further consideration. *Chris Holmes moved to approve the Executive Committee decision as put forth; Kassy Burdick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Drug Free Communities Grant**— The position for the Sustainability Consultant has been advertised in the paper and to other networks. At this point there have been no applications received. The Underage Drinking Town Hall meeting is planned for March 28<sup>th</sup>, a committee has been formed to develop this event, and minutes are available. The board will receive updates on development.

**Membership**— Wahkiakum County Commissioners has requested Narci Carlson to represent Mark Linquist's district as a non-fiduciary member, and Narci has accepted. *Carol Carver moved to approve appointment of Narci Carlson to the Board of Directors representing Wahkiakum County Commissioners; JoAnn Prestegard second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.* Alec Sealund has expressed an interest in joining the Board of Directors. There is a position available to represent Wahkiakum School District, but board members requested suggestions from Family Policy Council regarding whether Alec should be considered fiduciary due to having a relative within the board. Family Policy Council has agreed his position could be considered non-fiduciary, due to the fact that his relative is not in a decision making capacity with the board, Alec can be placed in a non-fiduciary position with the understanding he abstains from voting on any motions that affect Lia Sealund. *JoAnn Prestegard moved to approve appointment of Alec Sealund to the Board of Directors representing Wahkiakum School District; Kassy Burdick second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Readiness to Learn**— The Readiness to Learn Collaborative Conference is scheduled for March 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> in SeaTac Washington. Kassy Burdick, Becky Kuhl, and Carol Carver will attend. Anne Patching gave a presentation to the board on the outcomes for the RTL program for the 2004-2005 school year (included handouts). Components of the RLT program included the *Strengthening Families Program*, referral services, individualized tailored care meetings, *NovaNet* alternative education program for 6-12 grades, *NovaNet Parent Partnership*, monthly Child Protective Team meetings, *Community-based Adult to Youth Mentoring*, and other family and educational based activities. Outcome indicators reflect improved school success, increase collaboration between school, community, and families, decrease non-academic barriers to learning, and increased family strengths.

**Planning**— Beth Hansen reported on the Domestic Violence Shelter Sexual Assault Program, and its history in Wahkiakum County. Prior to 1997 there were no domestic violence or sexual assault programs in Wahkiakum County. As a collaborative effort of multiple agencies, a STOP grant was obtained that helped to get a volunteer advocacy program in place, and in 1998-99 the domestic violence shelter was opened, with St.James Family Center taking it over in 2000. Some components of the shelter include social service advocacy, transportation, legal advocacy, sexual assault program, and medical advocacy. Although the program is currently funded, there are consistent concerns ongoing regarding stable funding sources. The shelter collaborates with multiple agencies to provide resources to their clients, including having advocates trained in *Parents as Teachers* Program, and link clients to RTL, family support, and parent skills. A fund raiser is planned for the shelter on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cathlamet Hotel. The shelter has provided the board with information on the Justice and Hope Domestic Violence Conference to be held March 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> at Lower Columbia College in Longview.

**Other**— Post Card Campaign- We received a packet from the Community Network Coalition responding to a legislative inquiry on wanting to prove that Community Networks really have over 10,000 volunteers. The Community Network Coalition and the Family Policy Council put together a post card campaign to show that we are out here, and are a part of a Community Network. Our coalition participated in this campaign by sending 194 postcards (8 different postcards were sent (per board member) to four committee members, Representative Blake, Representative Takko, Senator Doumit, and Governor Gregoire) to inform the legislature of the wonderful volunteers Wahkiakum County has on the coalition board of directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by  
Kristiina Chism, Secretary