

**Island County Children's Commission
November 1, 2007 Meeting**

Minutes

Members Present: Cynthia Shelton, Kristina Saunsaucie, Sandy Ziemer, Colleen Bowls, Tomi Whalen, Don Cook, Margie Forbes, Kate Grossman, Janice O'Mahony, Fran McCarthy, Patty Page, Rod Merrell, Carol Stillian, Mark C. Brown, Peggy Dyer, Kristin Lasher, Dave White, Bess Windecker-Nelson

Guests: Tim McDonald, Carrie McLachlan

Staff: Dan N. Bond

This first meeting of the Island County Children's Commission (ICCC) began at 4:35 PM at the Coupeville Recreation Hall.

Following brief introductions, staff led members through the initial ICCC Manuals. It was explained that, as official documents are created, such materials can be added to what is already contained in the manuals, so that each ICCC member has copies of such documents at all times.

At this point, Carrie McLachlan, Supervisor for Island County Assessment and Community Development, presented information on the development of the ICCC concept, and how it became a reality in this county. Handouts were passed out to accompany the PowerPoint.

Tim McDonald, Director of Island County Public Health, then spoke briefly about the official nature of the ICCC, and the support for this initiative from the Island County Health Department. The ICCC has solid support.

Two items of business followed:

First, the members present chose dates for monthly meetings, ongoing. The first Thursdays, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, will be the regular monthly meeting times for the ICCC. Therefore, the next meeting will be on December 6, 2007. Staff will find a suitable location and will email specifics to members. Then, Saturday, January 5, 2008 was chosen as the date of the ICCC facilitated Retreat. The Retreat will run from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM, at a location to be determined. It is suggested that all ICCC members mark these dates on their calendars as soon as possible.

The next order of business was a request from Carrie McLachlan, for ICCC support for a grant request being submitted to the Department of Health, Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. This grant proposal is to increase physical activity and healthy eating practices among children and youth in Island County. Members voted and approved support. Staff is directed to compose a letter of support, and email a draft to ICCC members before submission.

The remainder of the meeting was an activity called “Treasure Hunt”, in which individual members are the treasure, and each member was to spend 2 minutes interviewing each of the other members. The intent was/is to develop familiarity and a solid sense of who the ICCC is as a team. This activity took the remaining time, and was not completed. A certain amount of time at the next meeting will be devoted to finishing this process – as members saw it as important.

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