

Kootenai Alliance for Children and Families  
Communities that Care meeting  
Friday July 14, 2006  
11:00AM

**Members present:** Paula Neils, Amy Bartoo, Tammy Roberts, Greg Johnson, Marie Price, Anne, Chatfield, Lorraine Gilbert, Maria Reamy.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Motion Anne, seconded by Marie to approve the May minutes.

An update on the situation of the Executive Director was shared. Monique Lawee- Pierson has resigned; Tammy Roberts has been offered and accepted the interim Director position until a new Executive Director is selected.

CTC summit evaluation report written by Caile Spear was reviewed. The goal of raising awareness of attendees regarding the social issues facing Kootenai County were met.

Finances of KACF/CTC were discussed. \$2000 Benchmark grant has been invoiced. Most summit bills have been paid. Jan Sprow has been invoiced but not paid. Monique has the reimbursement checks to pay Jan in California. Tammy has been in touch with Monique and reported that she will send the checks to Tammy. A request was made to ask Monique to send the checks certified mail.

An update on the Strengthening Families (SF) program was presented. Greg Johnson of Real Life Ministries shared what he has been doing to get the SF program off the ground. Greg has decided to focus on the Coeur d'Alene School District to do the training. Greg sent a letter to 84 teachers, counselors, etc. in the CdA school district inviting them to lunch to explain the SF program. About 20 attended. Greg is recruiting facilitators for the program this fall. He plans to have the SF program held at each middle school, and as many elementary schools as possible, with a team of facilitators for each program. Greg wrote a letter to the CdA school principals, and will follow up. In addition, ICARE may also hold SF training. He is also looking at recruiting home group leaders to do follow up after the SF program.

There was a motion made for Greg Johnson to be the lead agency for Strengthening Families. Seconded and passed.

There was discussion on the time of the training. Greg would like to get the training off the ground before August 20, before teachers go back to school. There was discussion about availability of funds in that time frame. KACF can apply to Benchmark for training funds, but they probably will not be available before August 20. Training cannot be booked until there is an OK from Benchmark on funds. May have to pay up front and have Benchmark reimburse. Tammy will check if KACF has funds available to pay for training. (although Benchmark says KACF cannot do direct service with their funds). Greg will check with Janet Feiler about funds available from the CdA School District for training. Cost of training is about \$2500 for 2 trainers, lodging and airfare.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Price