



**1095 Skagit Coalition Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
3:30-5:00; WSU Extension

**Vision:** *Our vision is that we will fully nourish all children in Skagit County so that they will grow and prosper*

**Mission:** *Our mission is to collaborate, coordinate, and communicate with families and community partners to ensure that every child in Skagit County eats 3 nutritious meals 365 days of the year*

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:** Wende Dolstad, Karen Parnell, Allison Johnston, Cole Bitzenburg, Becky Schlaht, David Jefferson, Drew Gilliland, Diane Smith, Claire Chen, Jerry Shackette, Debra Lancaster, Carolyn Connor (via phone)

**3:30–4:00 Intros/Check Ins**

- Drew, new VISTA member, introduced himself & role with 1095 Skagit
- Group reviewed metric and discovered data discrepancy regarding percentage of children on free & reduced lunch; Diane will research to correct the discrepancy
- Drew will begin to compile an inventory and create spreadsheet of food banks & schools providing weekend backpack programs in Skagit

**4:00–4:10 Lunch and Learn Debrief**

- Overall group felt the Hunger Awareness Lunch and Learn panel (Carolyn on Advocacy, Allison on School Meal and David and Weekend Backpack program) went well. Thank you to presenters and Karen for introducing the event and moderating the panel.
- Group discussed advertising a lot earlier in an effort to increase attendance; no action taken at the time
- Group also discussed doing a similar presentation for the county commissioners to highlight programs in-place to address childhood hunger, possibly before the county's noon lunch break for more impact; Drew volunteered to organize the presentation.

**4:10–4:30 September Hunger Action Month Updates**

- Group discussed various Sept Hunger Awareness activities/offerings happening this month; Becky volunteered to compile a list of those in early October so that we can document outreach and consider 1095 participation in future Hunger Awareness activities.

- Drew will: 1) compile a list of county after-school meal programs; Becky and Drew will work together to list Hunger Awareness program offered September 2016 for planning next year awareness campaign and activities
- David shared an invite to the Data Indicator event on November 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:30. This will be the unveiling of the Skagit County Data Trends website. The Population Health Trust has been collaborating with community partners for the last 6 months to identify data that will help tell the story of health and economic vitality of our community. This web site is sponsored by the Trust and open to anybody with a web browser. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skagit-county-data-indicator-launch-tickets-27220551402>

#### **4:30–4:55 Talk about Coalition Organization/Structure**

- Diane informed group of previous structure with Coordinating Council, which then held forums; we now have opportunity to reform because of members shifting out of that council
- Group decided that this meeting was not sufficient/appropriate setting for determining structure
- Diane will contact Liz in order to schedule meeting to help define ourselves as an organization, which will aid us in our structure going forward;
- Discussion on date and participants. An invite will go to all members on the email distribution list.

#### **4:45-5:00 Next Steps/Meeting**

- Drew will contact group members to discuss who they are, what they do in the community
- Food Day (<http://www.foodday.org/events>) is on Saturday October 24, 2016. Across the country, health officials, nutritionists, college students, advocates for farmworker justice and animal welfare, environmentalists, farmers, responsible companies, chefs, parents, and teachers are sponsoring activities urging Americans to eat real food, just food.
- Since the 1095 Skagit presented at the Community Action Lunch and Learn in September, and many Hunger awareness Activities took place in September the group decided not to sponsor a Food Day activity this year.
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 3:30 PM @ WSU Extension**