



**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday January 21, 2020**  
**Meeting summary, Membership Meeting**  
**Amara – 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98118, Elephant Room**

<b>Present:</b> Jill May, Brian Carroll, Jeff Clare, Kris Sanborn, Ray Deck III, Charlotte Booth, Cindy Steele, Nicole Mazen, Zenia Brar, John Morse, Nikki Brown, Paul Lwali, Aimee Harris, Karen Brady	<b>Members on phone:</b> Rick Purcell, Kymm Dozal, Christy Lunceford, Karla Cain, Mark Fullington, Jessie DiPardo, LaNaia Colbert, Carly Baughn, Blake McFrederick, Courtney Angeles, Mike Canfield,
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<b>1. Agency introductions</b>		
<b>2. Approve Minutes of November Meeting</b>		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
<b>3. Financial Report</b>	The bank balance is \$381,291. WACF received funding from philanthropy to extend the FCFC recruitment project six months.	
<b>4. Updated Bylaws</b>	<p>The group reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Some of the main changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elimination of the Individual Alumni category of membership.</li> <li>• Addition of a non-voting Supporting Organizations category of membership for agencies that provide support to foster families but don't have DCYF contracts.</li> <li>• Elimination of the Public Policy Committee and Chair.</li> <li>• Addition of a second vice president position so that there will be one from eastern WA and one from western WA.</li> <li>• The requirement of the board to meet monthly changed to a minimum of six times per year.</li> </ul>	The motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws carried.
<b>5. Division Updates</b>	<b>CPA</b> – The division is doing combined data collection using the CAFAS child assessment tool. They will do the first pull of the data to review the results soon.	

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	<p>DCYF removed stand-alone visitation contracts from the CPA contract and visitations will now be called Family Time. DCYF did a pilot of Family Time in regions 1&amp;5 using Sprout (formerly Oliver). It will be the mechanism by which visitation data will be managed and collected. DCYF's goal is to eventually move towards performance-based contracting. Any CPA that wants to continue visitations will need to setup a Family Time contract. CPAs have some concerns with implementation and financial problems with visitation. DCYF had a decision package of approx. \$17.4M that would have increased mileage and the hourly rate of doing visitation. It did not make it into the Governor's budget. WACF has voiced concerns re: CPAs and visitation to DCYF.</p> <p><b>Intensive Services</b> – DCYF said they are going to hold a provider meeting. We have requested a statewide meeting of providers. Jill has talked to Steve and Frank about it. They said they would want it to be two separate meetings, one on the east side of the state and one on the west side.</p> <p>Many providers in each region have received the message that since they got a pay increase, they are expected to pay for additional treatment services such as SAY, PAY or other services.</p> <p>The overall collaboration with DCYF seems to have gotten worse over the last six to twelve months. Some of the biggest concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LD - home studies being sent back 12-13 times in some cases, for multiple agencies and regions. It's taking a significant amount of time to get a family through the process. Some of the issues are being addressed but providers are not seeing it trickle down.</li> <li>• New expectation that there are monthly team meetings and social workers aren't showing up.</li> <li>• Traumatizing decisions are being made about youth and families in isolation without providers being at the table.</li> <li>• Needing placements to keep kids out of hotels but agencies have open beds.</li> </ul>	<p>Nikki is asking for providers to give her their top five concerns. She is compiling a list without any agency identification. Jill and Nikki will present a plan to address concerns to the division in March.  <b>Please send your concerns to Nikki.</b></p>

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	<p>Approx. \$5M is in the Governor’s budget (DCYF is calling it “BRS Plus”) for those kids between residential and a CLIP bed. WACF did not know it would be in the Governor’s budget. WACF’s priority this year is the CPA rate and the in-home services travel time rate so we are not doing active advocacy for the budget request. It is a needed service and we are in support but it is not a priority.</p> <p><b>FPSS</b> – Jill has established a new monthly meeting with Taku, the program manager for in-home services. The division put out a position paper on the use of the CANS-F and changes they’d like to see related to it. There is some concern that DCYF hasn’t posted Taku’s former position so he’s being asked to continue in his old job as well as his new job. There have been a couple of changes that DCYF didn’t notify providers of including a mileage rate change from \$.058 to \$.0575 and a new DCYF secure e-mail system.</p> <p>In-home services will be the first to go to performance-base contracting. Some of the new performance metrics will be engagement of families and dosage of services delivered.</p> <p>DCYF says it is too soon to know how payment will be tied to the metrics, however providers are being asked to approve the metrics they’re going to use.</p>	
<p><b>6. WACF Dues Model</b></p>	<p>After review, it was determined that our original dues model is not going to work. Jill and the board reviewed several state associations like ours to help create our new model. Starting FY 21, WACF will start to increase our member dues to have a 50/50 dues model by FY 23. The revenue will be 50% from philanthropy/grants and 50% from member dues. We are applying for a 501(c)(3) so that there are more opportunities for grants. We have also applied for another grant from Ballmer.</p>	<p>In order to get to 50% revenue in 3 years we will do a graduated model of increased dues. <b>Dues for FY 21 will be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-reported child welfare expenses x .001</li> <li>• Minimum: \$500</li> <li>• Maximum: \$10,000</li> <li>• For current members, the dues amount will not be less than FY 20</li> <li>• Partnering Members: \$400</li> <li>• Supporting Members: \$350</li> </ul> <p>If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Jill.</p>

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<p><b>7. 2020 Legislative Session</b></p>	<p><b>In-home full reimbursement for travel rate:</b> In 2017 WACF took a position and got bipartisan support for a budget proviso but they only gave half of what we were requesting so DCYF is paying providers \$.75 on the dollar. We have champions in both the House and Senate who have agreed to go to the chairs of the respective fiscal committees to ask for full reimbursement.</p> <p><b>CPA rate:</b> (ask \$7.7M, approx. \$5M state, rest federal) Rep. Sullivan remains our champion on the House side and advises us to stay with the \$7.7M ask. Sen. Braun is submitting our form. He thinks WACF should be willing to negotiate what we'd be willing to take. WACF is working with senate staff on what that could look like.</p>	<p>At some point CPA and FPSS providers will be asked to send e-mails to their legislators (no paper this session). The request will likely be short notice.</p>
<p><b>8. Liability Insurance – Group Discussion</b></p>	<p>There have been conversations about liability insurance becoming nearly unaffordable and others being dropped. This is happening with private child welfare agencies nationally. It seems to be primarily impacting agencies that provide out of home care. We are a member of the National Organization of State Associations for Children (NOSAC) and they have a policy committee that will meet with the Children's Bureau to discuss concerns.</p>	<p>Jill will follow it and see what is happening nationally and will update the group.</p>

*Prepared by Linda Conchi*