



**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday June 18, 2019**  
**Meeting summary, Association Meeting**  
**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

<b>Members Present:</b> Jill May, Brian Carroll, Charlotte Booth, Kris Sanborn, Karen Brady, Jeff Clare, Linda Thomas, Rhiannon Brill, Susan Brook, Nikki Brown, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Zenia Brar	<b>Members on phone:</b> Mikaela Chandler, Kendra Tilson, Ray Deck
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<b>1. Call to order / Check in</b>		The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
<b>2. Approve minutes of May meeting</b>		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
<b>3. Financial Report</b>	The bank balance is approximately \$560K. Jill will make a recommendation to the board on what to do with the reserves for the year.	
<b>4. New WACF Board Members</b>	The new board members effective July 1, 2019 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President:</b> Jeff Clare, Olive Crest</li> <li>• <b>Treasurer:</b> Ray Deck, Skookum Kids</li> <li>• <b>Secretary:</b> Susan Brook, Lutheran Community Services Northwest</li> <li>• <b>CPA Division Chair:</b> Cindy Steele, Catholic Community Services Northwest, <b>Vice Chair:</b> Nicole Mazon, Amara</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Membership</b>	We have three new members this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FPSS Division: Family Counseling Northwest</li> <li>• Intensive Services Division: Sunrise Outreach Center and The Source of Spokane</li> <li>• Partnering Agency: A Way Home Washington</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Jill has done an analysis of our current membership and the contracts that DCYF has for each division. Here is where we stand on membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive Services Division: 42 contracts, WACF has 30 members (71%)</li> <li>• Child Placing Agencies Division: 56 contracts, WACF has 30 members (54%) but we have about 70% - 75% of all foster families in Washington</li> <li>• FPSS Division: 81 contracts, 14 members (15%) but if you eliminate all the sole proprietors that have contracts with DCYF we're at 34%</li> </ul> <p>There is still work to be done to increase membership.</p>	
<p><b>6. Executive Director Updates</b></p>	<p>DCYF started a Culture Change Group and asked Jill to be part of it. DCYF tasked the Regional Admins with leading the meetings.</p> <p>Jill attended the DCYF Oversight Board meeting. They still have a way to go to get to oversight instead of practice suggestions.</p> <p>Binti, the licensing portal, has been approved and DCYF is moving forward with it. Jill let Frank and the Governor's office know that WACF will want to be involved.</p> <p>Jill and Brian attended a One Table that Rep. Senn held with stakeholders from DEL, JR, and child welfare to talk about their priorities for the next legislative session. The background check issues were brought up by everyone there. The four to five legislators in the room were very interested. The Background Check Workgroup will continue to push for the Certificate of Parental Improvement (CPI) or similar legislation.</p> <p>Pam McKeown and Chris Parvin reached out to Jill about going out into the field by region, to try to give people more access to licensing. Jill asked the agencies in the room if they would be able to gather 30 people from their combined agencies to get fingerprinted. The consensus was that they could. Jill will follow up with Pam and Chris.</p>	<p>Background checks issues could be a legislative agenda item for all three divisions next year. RCW changes may need to happen.</p>
<p><b>7. Proposal for meetings for the rest of the year</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>July meeting will be July 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Amara - 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South Seattle, WA 98118.</b></li> <li>• <b>September meeting will be September 17, in Spokane,</b> location TBD. Jill will work on having a reception for Rep. Ormsby that same day.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>8. July meetings / events</b></p>	<p><b>Ross Hunter will be at the July 25th meeting at Amara.</b> The first 15 minutes will be about what WACF does. Jill will do an overview and each division chair will spend a few minutes describing their divisions' work. Jill will work on determining the size of our member agency service delivery and discuss WACF's footprint. We will present WACF as a continuum – FPSS, CPA, IS.</p> <p>An invitation went out for a WACF reception on <b>July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Ryther - 2400 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115.</b> Sen. Frockt and Rep. Senn will be given awards. Please RSVP.</p>	<p>Jill would like each division to prepare two questions that we can provide to Ross beforehand.</p>
<p><b>9. Updates from following task forces:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Governance - Charlotte</b></li> <li>• <b>Financial Sustainability - Jessie</b></li> <li>• <b>Divisions - Nikki</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Board Governance Task Force</u> – Waiting for decisions by other task forces before they can continue their work.</p> <p><u>Financial Sustainability Task Force</u> – WACF has been approached by a philanthropy group called Perigee. They focus on children 0-3 yrs. They have put out an offer to the FPSS Division to fund operations and a project. The division will discuss it at the next FPSS meeting and once it's decided what we want to propose, Jill will complete the grant application.</p> <p><u>Divisions Task Force</u> – They will meet today after this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>10. Division Administrative and Legislative Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CPA</b></li> <li>• <b>Intensive Services</b></li> <li>• <b>FPSS</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>CPA</u> – The Region 5 protocol document rolled out on June 3<sup>rd</sup> through the AA's across the region and CPA's serving Region 5. We will circle back in a month to hear how it's going. Jeff talked with Doug Allison on how to roll it out statewide. Doug suggested having Joel, the R5 Administrator, add it to the agenda for the next Regional Administrators meeting. In the fall, Doug wants to update the CPA policy around how we partner and then distribute that around the state.</p> <p>The division talked about CAFAS and are looking into getting training for the division members that will use the assessment. They also talked about collecting the following data: Youth school engagement, service connection, birth parent engagement and FCFC data through HubSpot. They reviewed their 2019 legislative agenda to determine what will be on their agenda for next year. This will be discussed further at their next division meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Division members were also encouraged to utilize a good resource for LGBTQ training available to agencies.</p> <p><u>Intensive Services Division</u> – The rate schedule came out. The group discussed some of their concerns about the contract that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90% acceptance rate – kids lingering in care</li> <li>• Taking visitation out of BRS and letting BRS providers bill for visitation</li> </ul>	

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	<p>The division reviewed their 2019 legislative agenda and decided on some possible agenda items for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay on top of the impact of what the BRS increases do for providers and how to track and show the effect of that</li> <li>• Background checks</li> <li>• Staffing requirements, locking of medications (WAC's that aren't conducive to letting kids be kids)</li> <li>• Centralize standards – Standards held in so many places (contracts/BRS Handbook/WACs/DLR/Accreditation) – create a small task force to look at all of the different standards</li> </ul> <p>Some other things discussed were: How will DCYF deal with BRS and WISe.</p> <p>Frank will be at the July 11, CPA/IS meeting from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and will talk about a BRS Advisory Group.</p> <p><u>FPSS Division</u> – The division will advocate for the Certificate of Parental Improvement (CPI) or similar legislation if needed. It could be that a process could be put in place without the need for a bill. The division continues to stress to DCYF that we need to have a different way of doing contracting and the vendor rate is non sustainable. Jill is asking for a high-level meeting.</p> <p>The final transformation meetings were cancelled. Part of the “transformation” is that DCYF would like to have a lead agency model where there’s one agency per family. The perceived problem is that there are too many agencies. The state worker will decide what services the family receives, either FPS or IFPS.</p> <p>There will be no changes in September around performance-based contracting. The earliest anything would change would be April of 2020.</p> <p>The FPSS Division will continue to meet and work with Tim on the contract.</p>	
<p><b>11. Adjournment</b></p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi