10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tuesday October 17, 2017
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

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Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Joanne Stimson, Jeff Clare, Chuck Cole, Carol Almero, Paulette Caswell, Karen Brady, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Roger Iinu, Scott Hanauer, Kymm Dozal, Linda Thomas, Ray Deck, Dianna Zaorski, Megan Walton, Degale Cooper, Jessie Di Pardo, Mary Johnson-Schroeder, Helen Lakeru, Brian Carroll, Greg Dootson, Mark Fullington, George Gonzalez, Mike Canfield, Nikki Brown	Members on phone: Shawn Sivly, Ezechiel Bambolo, Laurie Lippold, Debra Hatton, Olivia with POC

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1. **Call to order**		The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. **Review of minutes of the September meeting**		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. **Financial Report**	The current bank balance is approximately $46,000 and all member annual dues have been received.	
4. **Ross Hunter, Director of Washington State Department of Early Learning – 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**	Ross Hunter made remarks and took some questions from the group. The new department will start working for him on July 1, 2018. Ross stated his goal is to focus on child well-being. Secretary Hunter said they will look very carefully and intentionally at how they spend their money and will get better outcomes for that money. He will also be relentless at lobbying the Legislature for more money.	

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	To support the new department, WACF should continue to advocate for fair rates and also a long-term contracting structure with predictable cost modeling (forecasting). He would like to revisit all of the child welfare statutes because so many of them are hard to read and understand. On Performance Based Contracting, Ross said that all the services will need to be divided into categories. Then, figure out what outcomes will be expected and measure that service delivery. Ross received the three one-page summaries of the WACF divisions' legislative and administrative priorities for 2018.	
5. Public Policy Report	The three divisions have completed their Legislative and Administrative priorities for 2018 and Brian distributed them to the group. As we learn what the CA's Decision Packages are we can make some changes to the agenda and one-page documents. Charlotte and Jeff reported on the meeting with OFM on 10/16/17. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together people to discuss the limited funding available for rate increases, and how to prioritize who should receive vendor rate increases using a multi-year plan. Core values were discussed. The OFM requested a document that will be due in less than 3 weeks. OFM is requesting the following: - What is your agency's vendor rate? - What is the cost to do business? - When was your last vendor rate increase? - What will happen if your agency gets a rate increase? - What will happen if your agency doesn't get a rate increase? - Justification as to why your agency should receive an increase Laurie suggested focusing on the impact that the lack of rate is having on being able to provide services. The group agreed it would be extremely helpful to have an objective rate study to provide solid information showing the difficulties in providing services at the current rate. Secretary Hunter said that any study done by a group that might appear to have a vested interest is weak. He would like to do his own rate study.	
6. Division Reports	There was no news to report from the divisions.	
7. CA / WACF Oct. 26 Meeting	The next CA-WACF quarterly meeting will be October 26, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Office Bldg. #2 in Olympia, Executive Conference room on the 4th floor. There will not be a formal agenda for the meeting but we will share with them WACF's legislative and administrative priorities.	

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8. **Check Out / Adjournment**		The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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