

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Tuesday June 16, 2015

Meeting summary, Association Meeting

Casey Family Programs

1123 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122

**DRAFT**

**Attending:**

Greg Dootson, LCSNW  
Tom Rembiesa, Youthville  
Scott Hanauer, CYS  
Carol Almero, Friends of Youth  
Chuck Cole, Janus Youth Programs  
Brian Carroll, Secret Harbor  
Rod Johnson, CFSF  
Julianne Peterson, Amara  
Jeff Clare, Youth for Christ  
Jessie DiPardo, Service Alternatives  
Casey Hanauer, YMCA  
Erin Larson, Navos  
Rose Quinby, YMCA  
Linda Conchi, WACF  
Paulette Caswell, Bethany Christian Services (phone)  
Mark Fullington, CFSI  
Susan Maney, Children's Home Society  
Karen Brady, Ryther  
Linda Thomas, Catholic Community Services  
Kerry Shaughnessy, Youth for Christ  
DeAnn Adams, Friends of Youth  
Joanne Stimson, CFSF  
Kristin Zinsky, Catholic Community Services  
Sandy Hart, Casey Family Programs

Sandy Hart welcomed everyone to Casey Family Programs.

Call to order: Greg

**Minutes of the previous meeting** approved as written.

**Financial report:**

Kim was unable to attend. We have not received the bill from the May conference yet and dues have been coming in the mail, but have not been passed from Linda to Kim yet. There shouldn't be much of a change in the balance since May. Kim and Jessie will meet on Friday.

## **Legislative Report:**

Scott Hanauer reported that they met with Sam Hunt the representative in their area, and he was not hopeful there would be a budget resolution by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Jessie also said that after receiving contract notices, that some contracts will be suspended starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, if there isn't resolution by June 30th, however, it will not impact CPA or BRS Divisions.

Brian had little to report since negotiations are still ongoing. He did mention that he contacted a Seattle Times reporter who said that the press release on BRS Rate Reimbursement wasn't really, "newsworthy," but Brian felt like the press release was well done. Brian was advised to spend some more time with House leadership to have them prioritize the BRS rate increase in their negotiations with the Senate so he did go back to talk with Rep. Eric Pettigrew and Rep. Ruth Kagi.

## **Quarterly CA/WACF meeting agenda:**

Rod got updated numbers of out-of-state kids from Region 2 North BRS Program Managers and their number is 40-50 kids, higher than the earlier report of 28.

After discussions of the proposed agenda, Rose had some good edits/additions and the agenda will be:

### *Introductions – New WACF Executive Officers*

#### WACF

- *Placement crisis – how can we work together to ensure adequate placements and families for every child and youth?*
  - *Barriers CA faces in addressing the crisis?*
  - *DLR – timeline for licensing & retention and recruitment of foster homes*
  - *DLR – Timeline for getting background clearances for staff. Doubling up on staff for case management appointments costs agencies a lot of money!*
- *Educational Requirements - approved list of degrees*
- *Contract changes – Providers need adequate time to review and respond*

#### CPA

- *CPA Rate Restoration*
- *Home Study Disclaimer Statement*
- *Thank you for working with us in a collaborative effort and giving us opportunities for input on: Data security verbiage and assisting DLR in drafting new policies and procedures around home studies*

#### BRS Division:

- *Thank you for asking for our help in the past to help keep more children in state! Re-address the goal of serving more of our youth in-state, closer to their homes.*
- *BRS rate reimbursement update*

#### FPSS Division:

- *Thank you for collaboration on FPS redesign*
- *FAR*
- *How are we doing on the waiver? Can we anticipate any reinvestment in increased services to prevent foster care?*

**Survey:**

Linda distributed hard copies of a five question survey to help with 2015-2016 planning, to everyone that attended the meeting. An electronic copy was also sent out by e-mail earlier in the morning. We will be collecting feedback until the July 21, association meeting.

**Outgoing board members:**

Brian presented plaques to our outgoing executive board members, **Greg, Kim** (not present), **Rod and Jeff** in recognition of their contributions to WACF. Thank you for your leadership, creativity, and dedication to the success of the organization.

**Next meetings:**

**Next quarterly CA-WACF meeting: June 17, LCS**

**Next Association meeting: Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at LCS**

Adjourned 10:55 a.m. (short association meeting followed by presentation by Foster Family-Based Treatment Association)