



**Independent Living Provider Meeting Minutes
 December 4, 2019 11:00am – 12:00pm
 Accelerator YMCA
 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144 - Room 2A**

Present: Jill May - WACF, Julie Brown - Accelerator YMCA, Samantha Garcia - Pierce County Alliance, Sara Rylaarsdam – YouthNet, Clair Rotter – Accelerator YMCA, Nikki Brown – Community Youth Services

On Phone: Gwen Hulette - Peninsula Youth & Family Services, Sara Mack – Volunteers of America, Jeanne Olney – Catholic Charities, Kit Kuran and Stephanie Barr – Clark & Skamania YWCA, Vaneza Tena – Community Youth Services, Angela Youtsey and Sarah Friedman – Olive Crest, Sara Matthews – Service Alternatives

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<p>1. WACF Role in Independent Living Advocacy</p>	<p>Jill May introduced herself and did a brief description of Washington Association for Children & Families (WACF) for those that are not currently members. Jill and the board are having conversations about how WACF could serve agencies that have Independent Living contracts. A decision has not been made yet.</p> <p>Jill met with Doug Allison. She asked if DCYF was starting to build a new contract and if there would be performance-based measures in the contract. She informed him that IL providers would like to be involved in the development of the new contract. She was told that the new contract would include performance-based measures and that DCYF will do an RFP for IL contracts. Doug agreed to meet with IL providers.</p>	
<p>2. Report of IL contracts</p>	<p>Julie reported that Peggy Lewis said that they're planning to setup a series of meetings for leads and contractors to discuss quality metrics to include in the contract (performance measures and outcomes) and talk about contract language and requirements to reshape and update the contract to better fit the performance-based contracting requirements. They want to engage contractor feedback throughout the process.</p> <p>So far, contractors have not been engaged except for in the quarterly IL meetings but their feedback isn't necessarily filtered up. DCYF has solicited from the leads what they think should happen.</p>	

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<p>3. Discussion</p>	<p>Jill asked what are the major issues with the IL contract? (What are the main advocacy points?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive procurement will happen this year (along with the unfunded mandate to expand to age 23) could they stagger the competitive process and then implement the performance-based measures next year? • Providers would like to weigh-in on what performance-based measures are • Providers would like to give input on where payments points will be • Performance-based measures should measure the contractor's performance not outcomes (things contractors can actually control) • Contract should reflect capacity (clarity around what workload expectation is) • Service hours rather than stability outcomes – how much time case managers are spending face-to-face with youth, or numbers of meetings would be good measures of engagement • Consistency between regions and agencies 	
<p>4. Next steps and roles</p>	<p>Jill would like a high-level engagement and solution-focused meeting. We would also like to know what we should expect collaboration to look like and what their next steps will be. Julie can give an overview of what IL is and what IL contractors do.</p>	<p>Linda will get notes to Julie.</p> <p>Julie will e-mail the group to try to narrow down a list of 4-5 asks.</p> <p>Jill will try to setup a meeting with Steve Grilli, Frank Ordway and Jess Lewis. She will try to setup a meeting no later than mid-January.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi