



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday April 19, 2016
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Susan Brook, Charlotte Booth, Chuck Cole, Kristen Zinsky, Jim Theofelis, Rod Johnson, Michael Yu, Jeff Clare, Rose Quinby, Susan Maney, Brian Carrol, Linda Conchi	Members on Phone: Carol Almero, Shawn Sivly, Joanne Stimson, Linda Thomas, April Cathcart, Terry Pottmeyer, Seth Dawson, Laurie Lippold
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1. Call to order / Check-in (5 min)		The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the March meeting (5 min.)		There was a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.
3. Financial Report (5 min.)	Jessie was unable to attend but provided the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance as of 4/18 is: \$20,295 • Check for \$625 out to Webvisuals for new website • \$1,300 earmarked for SafeCare • Approximate balance after these payments: \$18,000 Seven agencies were reimbursed for the Refresh Conference.	
4. Executive Board Meeting Summary (10 min.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions were made to the annual calendar • Changes were made to the new member application to clarify that new members should not send a check until their application is approved so that their dues can be prorated accordingly when they join mid-year • Confirming the agenda with CA - we want to focus over the next year on the Placement Stability Proviso, foster care licensing, and full rate for travel in FPSS. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will revise Bylaws to change the Division Chairs' term from one year to two years. Nominations for the Division Chairs will go to the nominating committee, not the current Division Chairs 	
5. Legislative Report – Session Debrief (30 min.)	<p>Brian said the divisions and the association did phenomenal work this legislative session. It was a huge success to get the 18% CPA rate increase. By successfully portraying the state of foster care in Washington State as a major crisis, it elevated it to a level that legislators were willing to spend money on it in a supplemental year. Brian would like to do a written analysis of the session accomplishments for the WACF archives. Some of the things that were accomplished weren't necessarily part of our original strategy.</p> <p>The Placement Stability Proviso passed in the final budget as well. The proviso requires CA to work with the provider community to assess and create a plan for a full continuum of care. CA stated that there was no money allocated in the budget for a workgroup but they are in the process of gathering members for a workgroup. Our focus now needs to be on the Placement Stability Proviso and then a more comprehensive legislative strategy for next year.</p> <p>Seth added that Ruth Kagi will be an ally in following up on the proviso. He also said that WACF had a minor role in getting the Homeless Student bill and Ruth Kagi's Children's Mental Health bill through.</p>	
6. Public Policy Discussion (30 min.)	<p>Charlotte spoke on Brian's draft of the Public Policy Agenda that was distributed. A copy of the Public Policy Agenda can be found on the website: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Public-Policy.pdf</p>	<p>The Bylaws will be changed to replace the Legislative Chair with a Chair of the Public Policy Committee.</p>
7. Division Reports (15 min.)	<p><u>FPSS</u>: Charlotte reported that their division is focusing on the upcoming RFP for Performance Based Contracting. There's a meeting on May 9th with the CA to get ideas on what providers would like to see in the RFP. Charlotte encourages all members of agencies that do in-home work to attend the meeting to give their feedback. At the last FPSS meeting the FPSS division confirmed that their priority for the next year will be reimbursement of full rate for travel.</p> <p><u>BRS</u>: Rose reported on the BRS meeting. Jenny Heddin joined and is still trying to gather expense data about BRS programs. Only one agency has responded so far. The due date has been extended to May 15th and Jenny is hoping to get more responses. Rose is hoping that agencies will give at least two of the cost areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The essential cost centers – to keep the lights on Higher needs use – what would the extraordinary cost be that would make that higher? <p>Jenny might be able to get the 3rd cost area, (the per kid cost), from the BRS Cost Report. Rose encourages BRS providers to include all costs, not just</p>	

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	<p>costs that are paid for by government but also costs that are covered by philanthropic money.</p> <p><u>CPA:</u> Joanne reported that they had a great turnout at the last CPA meeting and they had a lot of licensers from different agencies come. Their focus was on their single legislative agenda item for next year's legislative agenda – The Licensing Process. Their eventual goal will be 90 days to complete the licensing process. Some good ideas were generated including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic forms • Region to region processes • A form for posting licensing questions, and the possibility of using the WACF website for answering questions around licensing • The possibility of having the Caregiver Core Training online and more trainings around requirements for licensing • Having licensors involved in CPS investigations • The Minimum Income Standards and having a discussion with CA around how to better evaluate and individualize that process • Including CPA licensors in meetings 	
<p>8. Ad Hoc Training Committee (10 min.)</p>	<p>The first WACF sponsored training was last week with about 40 people in attendance. The next training is in May, and will be about how to talk with families about adverse childhood experiences (ACES). Tim Kelly is registered to attend and he'd like all the in-home service providers to eventually require their staff to have this training. A third training on Trauma Informed Care will be in Puyallup in September or October. CEU's will be provided at all three training events.</p>	<p>Charlotte will send out information on the upcoming ACES training.</p>
<p>9. Nomination Committee (10 min.)</p>	<p>The Vice President and Secretary positions are up for election as well as Division Chairs and a Chair of the Public Policy Committee. Volunteers were requested for this year's Nominating Committee.</p>	<p>Rod Johnson and Linda Thomas volunteered. Rod and Linda set a deadline for nominations as May 15th. Nominations will be sent to: info@wachildrenandfamilies.org Linda Conchi will send out a request for nominations.</p>
<p>10. Check-out / Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.</p>

Prepared by: Linda Conchi