



Washington Association
for Children & Families

10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday December 15, 2015
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

<p>Members Present: Jeff Judy, Chuck Cole, Joanne Stimson, Charlotte Booth, Jessie DiPardo, Scott Hanauer, Brian Carroll, Susan Maney, Kristin Zinsky, Jeff Clare, Greg Dootson, Calvin Simpson, Tom Rembiesa, Rose Quinby</p>	<p>Conference Call: Seth Dawson, Linda Thomas, Paulette Caswell, Julianne Peterson, Laurie Lippold, Ryan Kiely</p>
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<p>1. Call to order</p>		<p>The meeting was called to order by Tom Rembiesa at 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p>2. Minutes of the previous month's meeting</p>		<p>The minutes were approved as written.</p>
<p>3. Financial Report</p>	<p>Jessie reported that the bank balance is \$39,400 with \$15,000 committed to the Georgia State University for the SafeCare Train the Trainer program. She will be writing a check today for approximately \$3,700 - \$3,800.</p>	
<p>4. Legislative Report – National Issues</p>	<p>The Keeping Kids in Families Act (that's sponsored by The Alliance for Strong Families & Communities, The American Public Human Services Association and the National Organization of State Associations for Children) frees up child welfare money and stipulates that IV-E money can be used for prevention services up to 1 yr., including home builders, early intervention, and intensive in-home programs. This legislation is on an extreme fast track and may be released before the end of the year.</p> <p>The Family Based Foster Care Services Act also categorizes Treatment Foster Care as a service that can be reimbursed through Medicaid. One concern on the residential side is that with the IV-E funding being freed up for prevention,</p>	

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	the IV-E funding for residential will be harder to get. It will have to be proven that residential stays are medically necessary. A diagnosis will be required.	
5. Legislative Advocacy – Mini Training	<p>Brian distributed a document on WACF Legislative Advocacy for 2016. This document was created to help provide structure moving forward. The document can be found on the website under the Member Login page.</p> <p>Seth added that there are 3 ways to get in the budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If somebody that’s actually negotiating the budget is one of our champions • Relevant committees to be speaking up for this • All members can make budgetary requests known to their respective leaders <p>Charlotte reported that Rep. Kagi needed updated materials but was going to make CPA Rate Restoration her top priority. She also needs help with BRS Forecasting and would like a list of CPA’s that have been lost. More discussion followed on how to get the data on how many CPA’s have closed or lost capacity.</p> <p>Scott Hanauer and Jeff Clare talked about their meeting with JayRay and the proposal we received from JayRay to create an advocacy agenda, fact sheets, and letterhead.</p>	<p>Brian will contact CA to get the number of licensed CPA’s in 2009 vs 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WACF decided not to accept the JayRay proposal at this time. • Jeff Judy knows of a firm that may be able to do the marketing materials pro bono or at a reduced fee. • Divisions need to work on getting their one-pagers complete by December 28th.
6. New Member Application online	The New Member Application with the new category Individual Alumni Member has been posted to the website.	
7. New Member Application Procedure	There was a handout provided that documents the new member application process for the WACF staff, treasurer and Division Chairs.	
8. Annual Calendar	There were copies of the Annual Calendar provided to the members to track activities that need to be completed month to month and annually.	

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9. By-laws	The Bylaws with the proposed changes have been posted on the website under the Member Login page.	An e-mail will be sent out to membership to remind people to read the proposed changes to the Bylaws.
10. Spring Event Discussion	Members present like the idea of trying to partner with the Children's Justice Conference. The conference will be May 2-3, 2016 at the Spokane Conference Center in Spokane, WA. Registration starts February 1 st .	An ad hoc committee was created for the spring event. Tom Rembiesa and Linda Conchi volunteered to be on the ad hoc committee.
11. Rolling Parking Lot Issues	Nothing was added.	
12. Check Out / Adjourn	Rose mentioned that she attended the Poverty Forum sponsored by POC and she thought it was excellent. She felt like there was some good data presented that might be helpful to the association. Greg Dootson added that the numbers really tied it all together and he felt it was really well done.	Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Prepared by Linda Conchi