



10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday December 19, 2017
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Brian Carroll, Shawn Sivly, Joanne Stimson, Jeff Clare, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Roger Iinu,	Members on phone: Susan Brook, Jeff Judy, Kymm Dozal, Karen Brady, Toni Rozanski, Scott Hanauer, Nikki Brown, Jessie Di Pardo, Linda Thomas
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1. Call to order / Check in		The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the November meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Treasurer Report	Jessie reported that the bank balance is approximately \$40,000. She will do a mid-year revised budget and will move \$6,000 from the Events line item, to Professional Fees, Lobbying, and/or Consultation Fees.	
4. Public Policy Report	<p>Brian reported that he went to a Human Services Lobbyist Retreat. There were panels of caucus staff and legislative committee staff that spoke and asked that people come talk to them with their questions and let them know what is going on.</p> <p>Brian met with Rep. Kagi and went over the WACF agenda with her. They talked about things that need to be tweaked in our agenda and some of the things she's working on.</p>	

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	<p>The Governor said he wants to use this supplemental session to take care of education funding. Specific to WACF, there's an allocation in the Governor's budget for an increase to BRS funding for facility-based residential care, of \$750/month, per bed. This would be expanded to all facility-based providers that were not included in the July 2017 rate adjustment for only facility-based providers that had 7 or more beds. CA put it in a decision package and the Governor has put it in the budget. It will be retroactive back to October 1, 2017. Rep. Kagi and Senator Frockt are anxious to help with a full cost of care legislative bill. Brian and Karen have pulled together some new data and are hoping CA will help with data on the number of BRS residential beds that have closed and the number of kids out-of-state.</p> <p>Some other items in the Governor's budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$340/day increase to the CLIP facilities (going from \$540 to \$883/day) • 35 foster parent liaison staff to help foster parents during the licensing process • \$5 million for the new dept. <p>Brian suggested that we back off on the CPA agenda item for a rate study because Rep. Kagi doesn't think there is time for it and Sec. Hunter doesn't like the idea. A foster care rate study is still valid work for us.</p> <p>Charlotte and Kerry Ann suggested that the FPSS division might not want to keep travel/mileage reimbursement on the FPSS agenda but instead focus on extending FAR for this session.</p> <p>Brian added that Rep. Kagi and some others are interested in the relative search process and focusing on efforts to try to search for relatives of the 60 kids that are out-of-state.</p>	
<p>5. Division Reports</p>	<p><u>FPSS</u> – Kerry Ann reported that the FPSS division worked with Tim Kelly on the in-home services contract (the FPS portion). Not for a rate change but increasing what is billable. They haven't heard back from Tim yet on when he plans to implement it. The division is excited about the change in the WACF structure with FCFC and hoping they might be able to support more through lobbying and legislative efforts.</p> <p><u>CPA</u> – Jeff reported that at their last division meeting they talked about needing a strategy on where to go regarding rates. Jeff feels like a rate study is important. Their other legislative issue is regarding DLR and they'd like to have another meeting with them. They decided on having a small workgroup that will come up with some recommendations they can present to DLR and possibly the new dept. Jeff talked with Frank Ordway who said that DLR will be going under DEL and there will be some revisions in DLR.</p>	

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	<p>Jeff is waiting to hear back from Tim Kelly with an update on reforming visitations.</p> <p>Lastly, Jeff had a conversation with Shannon Mead from Innovation Lab regarding a survey of foster parent satisfaction and retention. Shannon agreed to put together a survey for Olive Crest as a pilot.</p> <p><u>BRS</u> – The last BRS meeting was not well attended. They mostly asked for volunteers for roles on the FCFC Transition Committee.</p>	
<p>6. Update on FCFC Membership Vote / Transition Committee / Transition to new WACF structure</p>	<p>23 out of the 31 voting members voted yes on the transition to the new WACF structure. There were no “no” votes.</p> <p>Erin Shea-McCann has been hired as the project manager to facilitate the transition to the new WACF structure. Erin has a 3-month contract to facilitate the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to revise the WACF bylaws and, if necessary, revise the board’s composition and election procedures • Draft an Executive Director job description • Plan and execute an Executive Director search and hiring process • Implement a new WACF dues model • Finalize a request to funders <p>Luma was supportive of the decision for the WACF Executive Board to serve as the Transition Committee, along with Paul Cavanaugh and volunteers from each of the 3 divisions. All meetings will be open to whoever would like to participate.</p> <p>Erin would like to schedule a meeting in late December with the Executive Board and Paul Cavanaugh to address items that need to be done immediately.</p> <p>Brian was in Olympia with the FCFC planning group and they met with Jenny Heddin, Connie Lambert-Eckel, and David Del Villar Fox to bring them up to speed on the expansion of WACF. They were enthusiastic.</p>	
<p>7. Update on Background Check Work Group</p>	<p>Charlotte gave an update on the Background Check Workgroup. They had a meeting with Rep. Kagi. They are proposing the formation of a process by which someone who has a finding of CAN (child abuse or neglect) can petition for a certificate of rehabilitation. The work group is meeting again tomorrow and talking with committee staff. Charlotte would like WACF to take a position of support.</p>	
<p>8. Check Out - Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.</p>