



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday December 20, 2016
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Kristen Zinsky, Mike Canfield, Roger Iinu, Jeff Clare, Chuck Cole, Jeff Judy, Karen Brady, Paulette Caswell, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Mark Fullington, Danielle Prince	Members on phone: Laurie Lippold, Susan Maney, Kymm Dozal
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1. Call to order / Check In		The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. Review of Minutes of November Meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Financial Report	Jessie was not present. There were no financial updates. Brian Carroll is working on procedures to streamline some accounting items, which will include additional responsibilities for Linda.	
4. Public Policy Update	<p>Laurie Lippold did a brief overview of the Governor’s budget. She said that Jenny Heddin reported that CA did receive some case workers and that should bring the caseload to 1 to 18. They unfortunately also received a \$22 million cut based on underspending. Much of the underspent was in in-home services. Jenny said that CA is keeping their budget to the 2016 level.</p> <p>Some dollars are provided in the first and second year of the biennium for the new Department of Children, Youth and Families.</p> <p>Two of the three WACF Legislative Agenda items did not make it into the budget; travel reimbursement rates and mileage reimbursement for parent-child visitation services.</p>	

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	<p>For Laurie's complete budget analysis, click here: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Budget-Analysis-LL.pdf</p> <p>Tom read a piece of an email from Seth with recommendations for WACF. Seth recommended preparing written and spoken testimony regarding the Governor's proposed budget, mainly focusing on the various items he didn't fund. He said we should be ready to roll when the budget gets heard the week of January 9th. Scott Hanauer will be taking the lead on testifying but Tom asked for a volunteer as back-up.</p>	<p>Jeff Clare volunteered to be Scott's back-up.</p>
<p>5. Division Reports</p>	<p><u>Intensive Services Division</u>: Karen reported that at the last Intensive Services division meeting they talked a lot about the new contractual obligation for 24 hours/year of training. Agencies are having a difficult time getting their staff fully trained and wondering how to take the concern to CA. They talked about the Foster Care recruitment issue and the endeavor by the Ballmer/Giddens Foundations. The bulk of the conversation was the overlap with the CPA Division on the agenda for the meeting with Darcy Hancock. Karen reported that on January 5, Meri Waterhouse, Foster Care Recruitment & Retention with CA, will be coming to the CPA/Intensive Services Division's meeting at 11:30 a.m. Michael Campbell, HQ Intensive Resource Manager at CA, will be coming at 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>CPA Division</u>: Jeff reported that at the last CPA division meeting they spent a lot of time formulating an agenda for their meeting with Darcy Hancock. At the next CPA meeting, they will have a conversation about working with foster parents and birth parents. Jeff reported briefly on what was discussed at the meeting with Darcy. For complete meeting minutes from that meeting, click here: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/WACF-CPA-CA-Meeting-December-13-2016.pdf</p> <p><u>FPSS Division</u>: Kerry Ann reported that at the last FPSS Division meeting they discussed background checks and the Combined In-Home Services contract that went into effect Nov. 1st. Agencies have spent considerable time and effort fixing forms and trying to iron out some of the inconsistencies because each of the EBP's might have some aspects that conflict with the wording in the combined contract. They had a discussion about agencies' use of interns. CA has said they can't use interns, but the Dept. of Health has said they can use interns. This has not been resolved.</p>	

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6. Advocacy Day	In the past, WACF has sometimes held the January membership meeting in Olympia with the idea members would visit their legislators that same day. Last year we skipped it, due to low turn-out. Tom asked if anyone in the group had interest in having the January association meeting in Olympia.	There was no interest; the meetings will continue to be at LCSNW.
7. Foster Care Project Update	<p>Tom met with Erin Shea McCann last week. She is the consultant for the foster care effort underway by the Ballmer and Giddens Foundations. In January, the funders want to meet with the WACF Executive Board to give us a sense of where their funds will go.</p> <p>The Foster Care Project consists of 3 Committees: The Recruitment Committee, chaired by Paulette Caswell The Retention Committee, chaired by Kris Sanborn The Advocacy Committee, chaired by Brian Carroll</p> <p>There are 12 participating agencies working on a proposal for the funders. The agencies are all CPA's. The foundations are hoping to have a neutral third party entity that has accountability and will oversee the funding to the private agencies.</p>	
8. Annual Conference Ad Hoc Committee	The Executive Board thought it would be a good idea for WACF to have an annual conference. Tom asked for volunteers for an Annual Conference Ad Hoc Committee.	Paulette Caswell volunteered to take lead for the committee as long as the event is no earlier than next winter.
9. Other	<p>Jeff Clare reported that Senator O' Ban reached out to see if the CPA's would be interested in pursuing a bill regarding streamlining licensing timelines (SB 6229). It could potentially support additional FTE's for DLR. Laurie recommended meeting with David Del Villar Fox to work with him in writing a bill.</p> <p>Charlotte informed the group that they received a request from Region 2 Contracts. CA requested that they send them transcripts, resumes, driver's licenses, and training certificates of their staff. It is normal to request to see that information while vising an agency during an audit, but odd that they are requesting the information be sent.</p> <p>The Executive Board decided to allocate \$5,000 of the WACF annual budget for the Continued Education Committee. The committee has completed their first three trainings.</p>	<p>Jeff Clare will work with Paulette Caswell and Kristen Zinsky on writing up a draft and will try to get a meeting scheduled with David.</p> <p>The group agreed that this is not good practice, and at the least the individual staff would need to sign a release of information to authorize.</p>
10. Check Out / Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.