



Washington Association
for Children & Families

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday February 19, 2019
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Susan Brook, Karen Brady, Fernando Clara, Ray Deck, Nikki Brown, Jeff Clare, Paul LaRose, Jeff Judy, Charlotte Booth, Jill May, Zenia Brar, Linda Thomas

Members on phone: Jessie DiPardo, Kris Sanborn, Mikaela Chandler, Kymm Dozal, Kristen Zinsky, Caroline Branday

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1. Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Approve minutes from the January meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Financial Report	The bank balance is approx. \$328,043. Jill just completed a new budget for the remainder of the year and sent it to the Board. It shows that WACF will be under budget at the end of the year. The next payment from the Ballmer's will arrive in March.	Jill will update the group in April after the Board Strategic Planning Retreat on March 22 nd .
4. DLR Update	<p>Our relationship with DLR continues to be very hopeful. They are very interested in the FCFC project and how they can be partners. They want to be data-focused in recruitment. We've asked that it be more trend data than current need, and they'd like to align their data collection with ours. Recruitment will fall under DLR and retention will stay under Steve.</p> <p>Here is the DLR re-org chart: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Jason-Reg-Lic-Org-Chart.pdf</p> <p>The state is required to do a 5yr. recruitment plan as part of their Children & Family Services Plan (CFSP) and then every year they have to update it. This June their 5yr. recruitment plan is due. Jill has been pressing them to include us in that plan.</p> <p>Luba talked about doing a process mapping and timelines across the recruitment process. She is asking for feedback on improving the fingerprinting</p>	

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	<p>process. Some ideas given were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at process WSP uses, do they do all fingerprints or contract some? • Fingerprint cards – Why do we wait for permission to go get fingerprints done? Why not have a stack of fingerprint cards like schools have? • When people change from one agency to another, they should be able to use the same background check instead of having to get a new one. • Reduce the number of people touching the background check to only 1-2 people. <p>Luba would like the different definitions of volunteers to be grouped together.</p>	<p>Ray volunteered to help categorize the different volunteers and bring back a recommendation to the March CPA/IS Division meeting. Jill will reach out to Jen Kamel and Hand in Hand for assistance as well.</p>
<p>5. Legislative/Advocacy Updates</p>	<p>Jill has hired Amber McPhee Millard to work with WACF through the legislative session.</p> <p>CPA - The CPA bill made it out of the House and Senate committees of origin. It has not made it to the fiscal committees yet. We have decided not to ask for the incremental rate increase. We will wait to ask for an increase until after the CPA rate study.</p> <p>FPSS - The Certificate of Parental Improvement (CPI) bill – has passed out of the committees of origin and has gone to the fiscal committees. Unfortunately, we're hearing that anything with a fiscal note will die. The other major advocacy (non-legislative) item is to work more collaboratively with the Program Manager.</p> <p>BRS – There was a call with BRS providers last Friday. The amount allocated for a BRS rate increase in the Governor's budget is half of what the BRS Rate Study recommends. We're getting some significant pushback from legislators. Brian has had conversations with Ross and DCYF. Ross continues to say that BRS is their primary ask. The Governor did give DCYF permission to use the numbers from the BRS Rate Study and DCYF is in the beginning stages of a media push.</p>	<p>Jill stressed the importance of writing letters to your legislators and having your staff write to them as well. We are a small group so we need to be LOUD.</p> <p>Jill will send out article on different tax structures of WA, OR, and ID.</p>
<p>6. Division Updates a. CPA</p>	<p>CPA - A small workgroup is working on how to start tracking the following data outcomes:</p>	

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<p>b. FPSS c. Intensive Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth School Engagement • Service Connections • Birth Parent Engagement <p>The group will meet again and work on a timeline and the reporting structure (form). They are currently looking at CAFAS as the youth assessment tool.</p> <p>The division has formed another small workgroup to put together recommendations to DCYF while they work on the comprehensive review of the CPA contract.</p> <p>The Region 5 meetings on information sharing have been very productive. When CPA's presented them with what DLR requires in their audits, R5 really realized that they are not supplying CPA's with necessary information. Linda Thomas created an issue statement for region 5. Once a solution is agreed upon the hope is to share the solution with other regions. Region 5 is also open to the CPA's coming up with a tool to train social workers.</p> <p>Intensive Services – Several members of the division are very involved with advocacy for the BRS Rate increase.</p> <p>DLR meetings are continuing to happen and the WACHYA group has taken the lead and wants to help streamline the background check processes.</p> <p>The division discussed the importance of deciding on next year's legislative agenda. They will include Performance based contracting.</p> <p>Michael Campbell has setup a call-in option for their monthly meetings with BRS Program Managers and BRS providers. Michael will send out an e-vite to WACF members for their next meeting on March 26th at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>FPSS – In February the division met in person with Tim Kelly and his supervisor Barb Geiger to talk about changes to the contract. Jill has requested that Barb attend meetings with Tim and providers, and said it would be great if Steve Grilli could too. It would be helpful to make sure that information is disseminated correctly. The division is drafting suggestions of what collaboration should look like.</p> <p>The December meeting with Vickie Ybarra went very well. She asked to come back.</p>	<p>Jill will send out an e-mail requesting feedback regarding hiring a data expert to assist with data collection/reporting.</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.</p>