



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday February 21, 2017
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Chuck Cole, Susan Maney, Roger Iinu, Jeff Clare, Kristen Zinsky, Joanne Stimson, Shawn Sivly, Linda Thomas	Members on phone: Mary Johnson, Brian Carroll, April Cathcart, Susan Brook, Tina Marcus, Karen Brady
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the January meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Financial Report	There was no financial report as Jessie was out sick.	
4. Public Policy Updates	<p>Brian reported that Seth is testifying on WACF's behalf this afternoon on the Dept. of Children, Youth & Families. The bill is in front of the Senate Ways & Means Committee today and will be in front of the House Appropriations Committee tomorrow. The focus will be on restructuring existing services into a new department that provides visibility, accountability and the ability to focus on improving services and outcomes. Also, use of information on trauma and brain research to provide a consistent focus for all aspects of the department.</p> <p>The new substitute bill added several new provisions that any money spent (from grants or contracts) by the new department is required to be through</p>	

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	<p>Performance Based Contracting. The definition of PBC includes that some portion of provider funding is tied to achievement of outcomes.</p> <p>WACF testified last week in House Appropriations on HB 2008. The bill better defines forecasting and adds BRS back into the forecast.</p> <p>Charlotte reviewed some highlights of Rep. Kagi's Reinventing Foster Care package. Some of the items included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Performance Based Contracting (Network Administration) - \$2.5 million (on top of the dollars in the Governor's budget for maintaining FIN) • Department of Children, Youth and Families - \$19 million • CA - Reducing caseloads to 18 and adding back transportation staff and clerical staff – approx. \$9 million • Full reimbursement for travel time - \$4.7 million • Reimbursement for travel for parent/child visitation - \$3 million • Wendy's Wonderful Kids \$.5 million • Training of foster parents through FPAWS • Expanding of Parent to Parent <p>There will be a lobby day in March, where we are all invited to meet on the capitol steps and then meet with legislators to support this funding package.</p>	
<p>5. Division Reports</p>	<p><u>CPA</u> – Jeff reported that at the last CPA Division meeting they finalized their position on the licensing bill. Sen O'Ban has decided not to move forward with the bill. They also debriefed their meeting with Meri Waterhouse and discussed the Foster Care Project.</p> <p><u>Intensive Services</u> – Karen reported that their division piggy-backed with the CPA Division meeting and that the Foster Care Project discussion took up the whole meeting.</p> <p><u>FPSS</u> – Charlotte reported for Kerry Ann. We have learned that some members of the legislature are exploring cuts in FPS. Charlotte sent Rep. Kagi some data about FPS.</p> <p>Tim Kelly will be on the phone for 30 minutes at the next WACF association meeting to talk about the new CANS. There will also be a special FPSS meeting in March at Tacoma CCS with Tim Kelly. He is interested in building training for providers of FPS and the EBP's. Everyone will be welcome and brainstorming of what the trainings should look like will be encouraged.</p> <p>Chris Parvin, the head of the centralized background check unit in Olympia, will be at the next WACF association meeting at 11:00 a.m. Charlotte recommended that at the next division meetings everyone think of what questions they might have for Chris.</p>	

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6. WACF / CA Meeting Agenda	<p>Tom reviewed the agenda for the 2/23 WACF/CA meeting:</p> <p><u>Legislative:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on what items were/were not included in Governor's budget • CA's legislative priorities • WACF position on implementation and funding of a new cabinet level department • Continuum of Care Report and strategy for moving forward • SB 5105 (Licensing Bill) • Rep. Kagi's Reinventing Foster Care • Budget for In-Home Services not being cut back because of money underspent last year <p><u>Administrative:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated Care – CPA Case Workers having access to their medical info • Update on Parent/Child Visitation in Region 1 • Giddens/Balmer Foster Care Project • Status of out of state kids • Status of STRIVE 	
7. Foster Care Project	<p>Jeff gave a brief timeline of the Foster Care Project. The collaborative proposal is due 2/23. The individual agency's proposals are due on 2/24 and there will be a review on 3/9. The CPA and Intensive Services divisions proposed hiring a consultant to assist. The main goal of the project is to build capacity for more homes through private agencies. It is a great opportunity.</p>	
8. Continuum of Care Report	<p>Those that had read the report discussed the report. Rep. Kagi intends to hold a work session around the Continuum of Care. A panel of private agencies will be invited to give testimony.</p>	
9. Check Out - Adjournment		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi