



10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Roger Iinu, Ezechiele Bambole, Scott Hanauer, Shawn Sivly, Joanne Stimson, Erin Shea McCann, Paulette Caswell, Karen Brady, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Brian Carroll, Jessie DiPardo,	Members on phone: Linda Thomas, Kymm Dozal, Ray Deck, Todd McNeal
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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 December meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. WACF Expansion Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws • ED Job Description • Dues Structure 	<p>Tom read the proposed revisions to the Bylaws. There were no questions or suggestions. The Bylaws will be reviewed by Richard Watkins from the Gidden's Foundation, who is an attorney, before members vote on them.</p> <p>Scott distributed a draft WACF ED Job Description. The job description was discussed and members were asked for feedback. There was a great deal of discussion on what traits we are looking for in a candidate. Erin is hoping the job description can be finalized by Friday and posted on Monday, Jan. 22.</p> <p>Paul Cavanaugh is reworking the budget and will be able to supply us with a better dues projection once he has the information that was requested of members regarding their revenues from the past 12 months. Once the information is in, the budget can be completed and we will have a better idea what the dues structure and the ED salary range will be.</p>	<p>Erin will send Linda the job description to post on the Membership Resource Page.</p>

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<p>4. Division Reports</p>	<p><u>Intensive Services</u> – Karen reported that at the last Intensive Services Division meeting they talked primarily about the legislative session. Sen. Frockt pre-filed SB 6013. Members were asked how they felt about narrowing it to only facility-based providers and the majority agreed to that limitation. The division would like to pull together a task group to work on the barriers around hiring (ratios/qualifications).</p> <p><u>CPA</u> – Kerry Ann reported for Jeff. The CPA Division is working on recommendations for Frank Ordway about changes to DLR. Last year Sen. O’ Ban put forward a licensing bill and did so again this year. The members feel that it isn’t as helpful so they contacted Sen. O’ Ban’s office to promote working with Frank Ordway on structural changes to DLR.</p> <p>Linda Thomas added that the CPA Division tried to identify the top issues that need to be addressed. Their top issues identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms expiring and grace periods • Notification of site licenses • Expedited licensing process for homes that are transitioning between agencies or the state • Statewide conference call for PALS • Some type of option, for people who can’t get fingerprints done due to physical or mental challenges • Foster care and advocacy <p>Jeff is writing up a document and will meet with Frank Ordway.</p> <p>Holly Luna attended the CPA meeting. Holly oversees the changes to the visitation contracts. Holly reported that any reform has been halted. It was a CA decision and there probably won’t be any changes for 6 – 12 months.</p> <p>The last item discussed was that CPA’s would like to have access to FamLink.</p> <p><u>FPSS</u> – Kerry Ann reported that the division has been focusing on the FPS contract with Tim Kelly. They’ve made some progress. They can now bill for engagement and there are a few other things that will now be billable under FPS, as well. They decided to drop going after additional funds for travel and instead focus on supporting extending the FAR timeline to 120 days. There’s been some good progress on HB 2449 and there’s a companion Senate bill SB 6309. FAR did not spend the money that was set aside for them and it’s the division’s position that the funding is already there and it doesn’t need an additional fiscal note.</p>	

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<p>5. Public Policy Report</p>	<p><u>WACF's Legislative Agenda Items:</u> SB 6013 – Sen. Frockt introduced this bill that calls for an immediate move to cost-based reimbursement for BRS providers and adds BRS back in to the caseload forecast. Rep. Kagi introduced her own bill, HB 2800, that is identical to SB 6013 except that it would create a stakeholder workgroup to design a BRS rate methodology over the year 2018.</p> <p>HB 2449 - Brian added to Kerry Ann's report that Charlotte's organization has done a great job lobbying for this issue for us and it has received great bipartisan support.</p> <p>Brian reported on the following additional bills and legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WACF signed in in favor of some bills, primarily those that are on the CWAC agenda, including HB 2330, companion SB 6222. • WACF made an executive decision to ask Sen. O' Ban to not pursue SB 5105 (as Kerry Ann mentioned above). • We did not sign in on, but Brian likes HB 2496, accompanying SB 6141, which expands the availability of mental health services, and especially crisis services in the public-school system. This year it seems to be more targeted at middle school. This legislation provides basic training for school staff and requires that schools have a plan to deal with a crisis. • WACF is in favor of HB 2795 which eliminates the performance based 'supervising agency' (Network Administrator) language in preparation for the new department. • Policy Legislation called FIN, Family in Need of Services, will give families a way to access services, a way to self-refer to the court system when they need services. <p>We've been asked to participate in a work session in Rep. Kagi's Early Learning & Human Services Committee next Wed., Jan. 24, at 1:30. Brian will do a short presentation on WACF. Accompanying us will be representatives from the WA Child Care Centers Association.</p>	
<p>6. Check Out – Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.</p>