



10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday July 21, 2020
Meeting summary, Association Meeting

Present: Jill May, Jeff Clare, Jeff Judy, Julie Fisher, Karen Brady, Kris Sanborn, Mike Canfield, Ron Poplawski, Sandra Gormon-Brown, Shelly Hahn, Susan Brook, Zenia Brar, DeAnn Adams, Carla Arnold, Caleb Hazel, Dave Newell, Christy Lunceford, Brian Carroll, Ray Deck III, Mark Fullington, Galen Hansen

Guest: Mark Renske, Hylant

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1. Introductions	Jill welcomed our newest members: Bridge Receiving Center, Lorene's Place II, Parent and Child Interaction, The Patrick Group, YWCA Clark County and Webb & Associates, LLC.	
2. Approve minutes of the May meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Financial Report	The bank balance is approximately \$554,000. We got another Ballmer grant for three years. We will become increasingly more reliant on dues.	
4. Executive Director Updates	<p>WACF has applied for a 501(c)(3) which gives us more opportunities to fundraise. We just got our first communication from the IRS yesterday.</p> <p>Rate updates: FPSS - DCYF is going back to take another look at what they supplied the Governor's office regarding the In-Home Travel Rate being cut. Jill will have a conversation with Frank</p> <p>CPA – The incentive payment for licensing new homes is listed as a cut. Jill has requested that they not cut it, DCYF is saying it is being cut because we don't bill for it, this is contrary to what CPAs report.</p> <p>BRS – There are no cuts recommended for the BRS services our members provide.</p>	

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5. Mark Renske – Insurance Solutions	<p>Mark did a presentation on the need for child welfare organizations to band together to launch a group captive to help keep up with the increased cost of liability insurance. Here is the presentation:</p> <p>https://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Hylant-2020-WACF-Presentation-7-21-20.pdf</p> <p>If you're interested in talking with Mark his contact information is: (513) 354-1649, mark.renske@hylant.com</p>	
6. WACF's role in improving equity	<p>Jill started a conversation on how our work is impacting racial inequality. Racism is deeply rooted in child welfare systems' history, policies and practices. There is a group called upEND that is working on changing these inequities. For more information on upEND go to:</p> <p>https://cssp.org/our-work/project/upend/</p>	<p>Jill asked that each division discuss racial inequality at their next division meeting and have a discussion about we can make an impact now and what can be done more long term.</p>
7. Division Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive Services – Kris Sanborn CPA – Jill FPSS – Sandra Gormon-Brown 	<p>Independent Living has been added as a group to WACF. It hasn't been decided yet if they will be another division. The majority are already members of WACF.</p> <p>Intensive Services – July was the first meeting with the new chair, Kris Sanborn. Topics discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget updates - BRS enhanced rate not being affected Furloughs, lack of availability of DCYF staff around high-risk cases and lack of contingency plans Slow responses in licensing BRS referrals down Brainstorming around advocacy with focus on the continuum of care and more collaboration amongst private agencies Degree requirements and racial equality Requirements for volunteers Training (staff and foster parents) – what recommendations could we make to improve training expectations Re-org under Steve Grilli – Barb Putnam moved over to BRS WACF sent letter to Ross and Governor's office with concerns about their response to COVID regarding Group Homes 	

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	<p>CPA – At their last meeting they discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at the current contract and trying to come up with a clear definition of CPAs roles vs state social worker roles. DCYF has created a number of task forces to do some process mapping to prepare to start using BINTI. Some of the task forces are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing CPAs & CPA Foster Home Task Force Recruitment & Interest Taskforce Adoption Task Force Home Study Task Force Kinship Task Force BRS Group Home Task Force Family Time Task Force How CPAs can better collect data to explain what we do (tell our story) <p>FPSS – At their last division meeting their conversation focused on DCYF's push to return to in-home work. Taku has been joining their Monday calls. The original date to return to in-home was set for 7/6 but has slid to 7/23. The division is advocating for their return to be in line with the Governor's phasing. Other items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for PPE to return to in-home DCYF says referrals have decreased, members aren't seeing big decreases The providers have been told they will have a new payment model. They have been fee for service for a long time. Since COVID they have been on a retainer. They are being told the retainer will end 9/30 but still have not been told what the new payment model will be. 	
8. Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.