



**10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday June 20, 2017**  
**Meeting summary, Association Meeting**  
**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

<b>Members Present:</b> Karen Brady, Joanne Stimson, Scott Hanauer, Susan Brook, Linda Thomas, Kristen Zinsky, Ezechiel Bambolo with Antioch Adoptions	<b>Members on phone:</b> Kymm Dozal, Brian Carroll, Susan Maney, Lauren Frederick, Ray Deck, Shawn Sivly, Paulette Caswell, April Cathcart
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<b>1. Call to order</b>		The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
<b>2. Review of minutes of the May meeting</b>		This item was postponed because of the limited members in attendance.
<b>3. Financial Report</b>		This item was skipped because Jessie is on leave.
<b>4. Appellate decision</b>	<p>Karen read a letter that WACF received from Carrie Wayno with the Attorney General's Office. It stated that they were contacting us on behalf of DSHS Children's Administration, to let us know that CA is seeking review by the Washington State Supreme Court of an appellate decision that CA believes is likely to harm children in foster care. It included a short summary of the case and the appellate decision as well as information on how to participate in the appeal if WACF would like to do so. The case is called <i>H.B.H. v. State of Washington</i>.</p> <p>The appellate court issued a decision that raises great concern to CA. Under previous appellate decisions, CA's duty to protect the safety of a foster child is</p>	

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	<p>triggered when it knows or has reason to know that the child has been abused or neglected. In the appellate decision, the court added to this duty, and concluded that CA can be held liable for money damages even if it is not told of, or should not have reasonably known, that a child was abused or neglected.</p> <p>Jay Geck with the Attorney General's Office called in at 11:00 a.m. to explain their concern for the new duty that was issued by the Court of Appeals. He suggested that WACF participate by writing an amicus brief stating that the appellate decision is a concern to child placement agencies and that the repercussions of the expanded duty could be harmful to the foster parents. The Attorney General's Office would like the state Supreme Court to review and reverse the expanded duty. He explained that a lawyer could write a 5 - 10 page amicus brief and suggested a lawyer, Joe Rehberger with Cascadia Law Group. The amicus brief would have a deadline of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Jay said there would be no expectation of involvement for WACF beyond the brief.</p>	<p>Members decided to move ahead with an amicus brief in support of the AG's appeal. Jay will send Jeff some contact info for a couple of attorneys later today.</p>
<p><b>5. Continuum of Care meeting report</b></p>	<p>From WACF, Karen, Brian, Jeff and Kerry Ann attended. From CA, Jennifer Strus, Connie Lambert-Eckel and Toni Sabastian attended.</p> <p>It was a collaborative meeting and Jennifer agreed to review the Continuum of Care report and have time-limited task groups of providers address each piece of the report. It was helpful having Kerry Ann there to discuss the in-home providers that aren't included in the continuum and how those providers can help stabilize placements. Jennifer will get back to us to let us know what areas we can work on.</p> <p>They also discussed the problems of kids in hotels, and the growing number of out-of-state kids, that is now over 50. They talked about the cost report that was done in 2009, a population-based approach to determining resources needed in a given biennium. The Gidden's Foundation (with the Foster Care Funding Collaborative) is contracting with an accounting group to do another cost analysis. Brian volunteered to contact Paul Cavanaugh with Gidden's Foundation to find out what they're planning and try to make sure that they revisit the population-based planning.</p>	
<p><b>6. Legislative updates</b></p>	<p>Brian reminded members about the Call for Action that was sent out on 6/19. He said that we need to lobby all legislators around the new dept. with the session winding down and so much focus on McCleary. We need to push our lawmakers and make sure they don't forget about other social services. Send the Call for Action to board members and involved constituents before July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Lauren added that the Mockingbird Society has youth advocates that have an opportunity to meet with the Governor this morning to share their thoughts on why they support the creation of the new dept. and HB 1661.</p>	<p>Brian will send Linda the list of the services in CA that will be continued/discontinued if there is no budget by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Linda will send to members and post to the website.</p>

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<b>7. Public Policy Committee report</b>		This item was skipped.
<b>8. Division reports</b>	<p>FPSS: Kerry Ann needed to leave early for an emergency but she reported that the FPSS Division is ready for their meeting with Sally Perkins on July 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>CPA: Kristen Zinsky reminded CPA's to return the legislative ideas questionnaire that Jeff sent out if they haven't already. The CPA and Intensive Services Division will meet with Sally Perkins on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon at LCSNW. Kristin also mentioned that there were statewide meetings with Tim Kelly to go over the changes to the visitation contract that the state is proposing. She thinks they are good changes in terms of practice and working with birth parents.</p> <p>Intensive Services – Karen didn't have anything to report on the last Intensive Services Division meeting because she wasn't able to attend.</p>	
<b>9. Ad Hoc Conference Committee report</b>		This item was skipped.
<b>10. Adjournment</b>		The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*Prepared by Linda Conchi*