



10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday March 20, 2018
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Ryther – 2400 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Karen Brady, Joanne Stimson, Brian Carroll, Jeff Judy, Ray Deck, Paulette Caswell, Roger Iinu, Susan Brook, Mary Schroeder	Members on phone: Shawn Sivly, Charlotte Booth, Jeff Clare, Scott Hanauer, Nikki Brown, Mike Canfield, Jessie Di Pardo, Kymm Dozal, Kristen Zinsky, Ruby Bynum, Linda Thomas, Laurie Lippold
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1. Call to order / Check in		The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the February meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Treasurer's Report	Jessie reported that the bank balance is approx. \$25,600.	
4. Public Policy Report	<p>Brian reported that it was a great legislative session for child welfare and for WACF. Special thanks to Charlotte and Mary Fisher for their work on extending the FAR timeline to 120 days.</p> <p>The BRS rate situation is also going well although CA is still trying to figure out what that budget is that was passed by the Senate. There are four different components of that budget and legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRS was returned to the forecast • A Rate Committee was established (to establish a rate structure based on cost) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-bed (and fewer) programs will receive the rate increase that the facility-based programs received in July, of 2017, on April 1st. • Capacity Building Rate established (so that if agencies increase their residential capacity, they could get a higher rate), based on \$350/day for facilities and \$300/day for 6-bed. The legislation also says \$200 for treatment foster care for increasing capacity and an additional \$750/month for congregate care. Brian has asked CA to help interpret this for us since the language is confusing. <p>Laurie added a special thanks to Brian for all his time and work testifying and representing WACF in Olympia. She also mentioned the 2008 directive having the Office of Innovation, Alignment & Accountability (OIAA) come up with the assessment tool for BRS. That is something that will get underway and people will want to be involved with.</p> <p>Charlotte also thanked Laurie for all her involvement with the FAR legislation and bringing in the parent allies was a huge help.</p> <p>Reminder: The Families First Act (or at least a lot of it) was included in the Continuing Resolution passed by Congress last month. WACF will join with the Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition (CWAC) to sponsor a conference call with CA staff Jenny Heddin and David Del Villar Fox to help educate us on the details on:</p> <p>March 26th 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Conference Call Information:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/689729421 2. Then dial the following conference line: 1 (872) 240-3311 3. Enter the meeting Access Code: 689-729-421 <p>Laurie also stated that she and Jim are hoping to meet with some WACF members to talk about how our two organizations can move forward together on policy and other issues.</p>	
<p>5. ED Hiring Update</p>	<p>Tom updated the group on what happened after interviewing three of the top candidates. When the Executive Board engaged them about salary, two of the candidates' salary requests were out of range for WACF. The third candidate had taken another job.</p> <p>Two of the other top candidates were contacted and the salary range was discussed. It was within their range. We also had a new applicant and after his</p>	

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	<p>phone interview it was decided that we would interview him as well. These three candidates will have their first in-person interview on March 23rd, and their second in-person interview on March 28th. Tom gave a brief description of the final three candidates.</p>	
<p>6. WACF Dues Update</p>	<p>The Executive Board heard some concerns at the last membership meeting about the future dues determination. The language to determine dues has been changed to: Annual child welfare expenses (excluding pass-through payments to foster parents)</p>	
<p>7. Bylaws Vote</p>	<p>Tom highlighted the main changes to the Bylaws.</p>	<p>The motion to approve the revised Bylaws carried.</p>
<p>8. Nominating Committee Update</p>	<p>Susan Brook reported that the Nominating Committee has been meeting and talking to the nominees. The nominating period will end at the end of this week. The positions up for election are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice President • Secretary • FPSS Chair • Intensive Services Chair <p>The committee will meet next week to develop the ballot. The election will take place no later than May 31st.</p>	
<p>9. Division Reports</p>	<p><u>Intensive Services Division</u> – Karen reported that two things are moving forward with their division. One is that there was agreement on the letter to Connie Lambert-Eckel about the volunteer hours. Karen just e-mailed her today with the letter and the proposal and requested that Connie be part of the discussion. Secondly, Karen is writing a letter to Michael Campbell requesting a regular, statewide meeting between all of the BRS Program Managers, BRS providers, and Michael.</p> <p><u>CPA Division</u> – Jeff reported that he’s had a couple of conversations with Frank Ordway and Frank asked for some things around DLR that he could implement. The CPA Division put together a document and sent it to Frank about three weeks ago. Frank would like to attend the next CPA/Intensive Services Division meeting. He’d like to understand the CPA’s licensing process compared to the Dept’s licensing process. He also wants to know what areas they are already collaborating around regulations. He is tentatively scheduled to attend the June 7th, CPA/Intensive Services Divisions meeting.</p> <p>Jeff also reported that Shannon Mead from Innovation Lab offered to do a foster parent exit survey for Olive Crest’s South Sound office. She will come to the next CPA Division meeting to present the results and she will share them with Frank as well.</p>	

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	<p>Paulette encouraged members to attend the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI) on April 2nd. The 20 CEU's of free child welfare training are still available. If you're interested in attending you can find the information here: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/national-adoption-competency-mental-health-training-initiative-nti/</p> <p><u>FPSS Division</u> – Charlotte reported that the division was busy with advocacy this past month, and was able to involve many more members than in past years. There was a really good response to calls for action. Several of the FPSS agencies signed in pro when testimonies were happening around FAR.</p>	
<p>10. Check Out / Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>

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