



Washington Association
for Children & Families

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

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Joanne Stimson, Kristen Zinsky, Jeff Clare, Chuck Cole, Kris Sanborn, Susan Maney, Carol Almero, Shawn Sivly, Paulette Caswell, Karen Brady, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Roger Iinu	Members on phone: Jessie DiPardo, Kymm Dozal, Brian Carroll, Julianne Peterson, April Cathcart, Linda Thomas
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1. Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the February meeting		The motion to approve the minutes as written carried.
3. Financial Report	The bank balance is currently \$28,723.	
4. Report on WACF/CA quarterly meeting	Tom reported on the quarterly meeting with CA that was held on February 23, 2017. For complete meeting minutes click here: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/WACF-CA-Meeting-Minutes-February-23-2017.pdf	
5. Public Policy updates	Brian reported that the Senate released their budget this morning and the House budget will be out next week. Brian read from the Associated Press news release. Some of the highlights were: Of the \$43 billion, two-year budget, \$1.8 billion will go towards education, paid for in part by a state-wide property tax that will ultimately replace local district levies. The budget relies on cuts in some state programs.	

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	<p>Cuts to state programs include more than \$56 million in cuts to a housing related assistance for people unable to work and \$96 million in savings from TANF with the expectation that at least \$6 million will be saved by using additional federal funds.</p> <p>Brian also reported that Senator O’ Ban introduced a bill (SB 5890) trying to provide respite for foster parents. Respite would be provided by case aids, who would work for community organizations. Jeff Clare testified in favor of the bill on behalf of Olive Crest and neutral on behalf of WACF. Last weekend Brian and Jeff wrote a letter summarizing their concerns and offering improvements to the bill.</p> <p>There was a Continuum of Care work session on March 10th. Several WACF members were present and were able to provide feedback on the Continuum of Care Report. They stated their concerns on the timing of when the focus groups started and their disappointment that WACF wasn’t involved earlier and in a more significant way. They focused on the good aspects of the report and things that could be improved. Overall, it was a good session and felt like partnership and collaboration with CA.</p> <p>The Reinventing Foster Care Rally was the same day, March 10th, and several WACF members were able to participate in that as well.</p>	
6. Division Reports	<p>FPSS: The division is having a meeting with Tim Kelly on April 13th from 1-3 p.m. in Tacoma. Tim wants to work on creating new standard trainings for all in-home services staff and would like input from FPSS members. He will also talk about electronic billing.</p>	<p>All three divisions were asked to have a discussion on the Continuum of Care Report and bring their recommendations to the next WACF Association meeting. The feedback will be shared with Jennifer Strus of CA.</p>
7. WACF Annual Conference	<p>The conference will be in the winter. Paulette is taking the lead. Kerry Ann said that the Pierce County/Kitsap County EBP Committee has an in-home trauma training they would be willing to do as part of the conference. Kerry Ann volunteered to be on the WACF Annual Conference Committee.</p>	
8. Reminder – Volunteers will be requested for the Nominating Committee at April meeting	<p>Tom reminded members that volunteers would be requested at the April meeting for the Nominating Committee. The board positions that are up for election are President and Treasurer.</p>	
9. Chris Parvin, (DSHS/CA) and Head of the Centralized Background Check Unit and Jeanine Tacchini, DLR – 11:00 a.m.	<p>Chris Parvin distributed the guidelines the Centralized Background Check unit uses to approve background checks. The new unit is working closely with DLR to improve inconsistencies and the time taken to get a background check completed. There are two units, the Centralized Background Check Unit and the</p>	

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	<p>Administrative Review unit. The Administrative Review process is fairly new. It just started in November.</p> <p>Starting April 1, the background check fees will be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Name/DOB fee: \$2.20 Fingerprint fee: \$64.90</p> <p>For the guidelines they use, click here:</p> <p>http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/DSHS-Secretarys-List-of-Crimes-and-Negative-actions.pdf</p> <p>http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Administrative-Approval-Process-for-Crimes-and-Negative-Actions.pdf</p>	
10. Check out / Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Prepared by Linda Conchi