



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday May 16, 2017
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Charlotte Booth, Alexa James, Greg Dootson, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Susan Maney, Kristen Zinsky, Jeff Clare, Shawn Sivly, Paulette Caswell, Karen Brady, Liz Trautman, Jeff Judy, Brian Carroll	Members on phone: Laurie Lippold, Jessie DiPardo, Kymm Dozal, Mary Johnson, Sharon Cortez
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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 April meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
3. Financial Report	<p>The bank balance is approximately \$24,700.</p> <p>The Executive Board drafted the 2017/2018 WACF annual budget at the last Executive Board meeting and there will be a vote on the new budget at the June association meeting.</p>	<p>Suggestions for additions to the budget were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division chairs would like staff support for their division meetings • Additional funds should be added for lobbying • Additional funds should be added for reimbursement of travel to members that travel for recruitment (E. WA)
4. Public Policy updates	Laurie reported that the special session ends next Tuesday. The people that are attending mainly are the people most involved in the discussion around McCleary. There is a lot of discussion but not a lot of negotiation. There needs to be continued push by the health and human services people for negotiations	

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	<p>on the operating budget and the items that we all have been advocating for. No date has been identified yet for the start of the second special session.</p> <p>Most legislators are in district right now so it's a good time to reach out to thank them and remind them to get our items in the final budget. Laurie recommends contacting them at least weekly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes on the Dept. of Children Youth & Families bill • Reinventing Foster Care – it's a good time to remind legislators to get it in the final budget • BRS Forecasting – Laurie had a conversation with Sen. O 'Ban and reported that it is not looking good to have specific forecasting language in SB 5890 • FAR – They're still working on the two areas: going to 120 days, and the parent signature piece 	<p>Jeff Clare will contact Sen. O'Ban's office to get an update on SB 5890.</p>
<p>5. Division Reports / Strategic Planning Focus</p>	<p><u>CPA</u> – Jeff wasn't present at the last CPA meeting but read from notes. The CPA Division discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their 3 legislative priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background clearances ○ Access to new data system ○ Licensing – concerns with DLR and CPS, the economic standard and minimum license requirements • The Continuum of Care letter that was sent to Jennifer Strus • Updates on the Foster Care Funding Collaborative <p><u>FPSS</u> – Kerry Ann reported on the last FPSS meeting. Much of their discussion was about the April 13, meeting with Tim Kelly. It was noted that WACF decided we do not wish to contract with the CA for a child welfare database, or any other project.</p> <p>The division also talked about the Continuum of Care and there was a lot of energy around the continuum including prevention of out of home placement. They'd like to see better utilization of in-home services and family support centers as an important strategy.</p> <p>There was discussion about strategic planning efforts and they've set a meeting with Sally Perkins for July 13th.</p> <p><u>Intensive Services</u> – Karen reported that the Intensive Services Division met and talked about an ombudsman report on group care. One of the main findings was about bullying. They would like to do some anti-bullying education. They talked about how they have some resources they can bring to the table and share with providers to create that kind of campaign for facilities based care. They'd also like to offer resources to LGBTQ kids. There was also</p>	

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	<p>discussion about trauma based treatment and they're going to try to get together a list of resources for providers around trauma based care.</p> <p>Karen asked if members would like an ombudsman to come to a future association meeting.</p> <p>Karen received a letter of response from Jennifer Strus on the issue of cleared staff ratios. Jennifer said that if people have lived in WA state for 3 years they can be counted in the ratio after a state patrol check is done.</p> <p>There was also discussion about degree requirements. They would like some push back on the degree requirement list. It was suggested that this should be one of the division's legislative priorities.</p>	<p>It was agreed that it would be great to have an ombudsman come to an association meeting.</p>
6. Dept. of Commerce Report	<p>Chuck was not present. There was no discussion on DOC today.</p>	
7. Continuum of Care Report – Update	<p>There are some creative conversations going on around the Continuum of Care with Brian, Laurie and Rep. Kagi.</p>	
8. Nominations Committee	<p>There were three nominations and all nominees were contacted by the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – Tom Rembiesa • Treasurer – Jessie DiPardo <p>An electronic ballot will go out prior to the June association meeting.</p>	
9. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferencing Equipment • Foster Care Funding Collaborative 	<p>There was discussion on Skype for Business and the possibility of using it in the future for WACF monthly meetings. Several members use it and think the sound quality is good and it is fairly inexpensive (approx. \$6/month).</p> <p>They have hired Luma to develop a business plan. Their recommendations will include a structure and where it could be housed. The proposal is expected to be completed by the end of Sept. or the first week in Oct.</p>	
10. Check Out / Adjournment		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi