



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday November 15, 2016
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

<p>Members Present: Charlotte Booth, Alexa James, Chuck Cole, Jeff Judy, April Cathcart, Susan Maney, Susan Brook, Tom Rembiesa, Chi Pham, Kristen Zinsky, Jeff Clare, Jessie DiPardo, Roger Iino, Brian Carroll, Mark Fullington, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Karen Brady, CA Staff: Tim Kelly, Stacy Weaver-Wee</p>	<p>Members on phone: Seth Dawson, Linda Thomas, Kymm Dozal, Nikki Brown, Mike Canfield, Mary Johnson, Carol Almero</p>
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<p>1. Call to order</p>		<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.</p>
<p>2. Child & Family Service Review: Discussion w/ CA Staff Tim Kelly & Stacy Weaver-Wee</p>	<p>Tim Kelly and Stacy Weaver-Wee distributed a handout on the Child and Family Services Plan Review and collected feedback on the following two service array questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the services needed to help restore or maintain child safety available? If not, what services are missing? • We know there are gaps in where services are accessible. What strategies, for both CA and Providers, might make services more available in hard to reach areas? <p>Any additional suggestions you might have can be e-mailed to Stacy Weaver-Wee at: CASuggestions@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>To review the Washington State Child and Family Services Plan (2015 – 2019), go to: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/CA/pub/documents/cfsp2015-2019.pdf</p>	

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	<p>Some of the issues discussed by members were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare irregular hours • Peer to peer mentoring for parents and youth with the emphasis on bridging the gap between volunteer and professional • More housing with services attached (case management, child welfare services) • Housing support for families, (retaining housing/preventing evictions) • Mileage and travel rates • Kids being bussed to other school districts for specialty services 	
<p>3. Review of October Meeting Minutes</p>		<p>The motion to approve the minutes carried.</p>
<p>4. Financial Report</p>	<p>The bank balance is approximately \$34,000. The 990-N tax form was filed on Nov. 14.</p>	
<p>5. Public Policy</p>	<p>Brian reported that he believes that the formal WACF Legislative Agenda around reimbursement for travel time and mileage reimbursement for visitation is solid. He added that Seth thinks WACF is strategizing well by not having a big legislative agenda going into this session. A BRS vendor rate increase may be added later depending on what comes out of OFM.</p> <p>Brian suggested that WACF take an early and active role in supporting the recommendations of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on creating a new department of children. Brian stated he believes the formal proposal of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission is tremendous and gave a short summary. It basically states that the state of Washington formally embraces and endorses the idea that trauma affects the brain and those affected should be served and helped, not just regulated. Everything that is done is based on trauma research. The proposal would create a new Department of Children and Families, overseeing what is now in the CA and the Dept. of Early Learning. Effective July 1, 2018, the new department will open. Effective July 1, 2019, juvenile rehabilitation will come over. The cost is estimated to be between \$7-9 million. The leaders of the department are not yet determined.</p>	<p>Brian proposed a motion that WACF will endorse the report and that it become a 3rd legislative agenda item for WACF.</p> <p>The motion carried.</p>
<p>6. Vendor Rate Meeting</p>	<p>Karen Brady gave an update on the Vendor Rate Meeting. The information requested by Rich Pannkuk was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost of services • additional cost if a vendor rate didn’t occur for providers • what the benefits are of the services provided • the losses in capacity that have already occurred <p>One report we submitted included information from member agencies that offer intensive services/group care, therapeutic foster care, and foster care. Several agencies provided info on their budgets and losses. A second report was</p>	

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	submitted from FPSS Division agencies. Karen stated that she thinks a conversation needs to happen on how to promote the results of the reports to the Governor.	
7. Division Reports	Division reports were covered in previous agenda items.	
8. Spring Event	The initial idea of offering WACF members reduced rates to the Association of Children’s Residential Centers pre-conference session in Portland turned out to be extremely expensive. Charlotte asked what can WACF do that will be useful to most of our members with the money that is allocated for a spring event? Should it be an event, buy more lobbying, or? She requested that we add 15 minutes to the next association meeting agenda to discuss. Jessie added that maybe there’s something we can do on systems change navigation.	The Executive Board will come up with some thinking questions to present to membership.
9. Request by April Cathcart, Empowering, Inc. Services	April informed members that CA terminated their contracts due to “convenience”. They still have their Performance Based Contracting contract with FIN for visitation, but in-home services, professional services and on-site services will be terminated. Currently 554 clients are affected and many employees will need to be laid off.	April made a motion that WACF request in writing a formal dispute resolution process from CA (on behalf of all providers), with clear direction to providers on what they need to change when there are changes in, or differences in interpretations of contracts. The motion carried.
10. Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Prepared by Linda Conchi