



Washington Association
for Children & Families

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday October 16, 2018
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Jill May, Rose Quinby, Mikaela Chandler, Jeff Clare, Mark Fullington, Joanne Stimson, Susan Brook, Nikki Brown, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Stephanie Kenick, Jeff Judy, Megan Walton,

Members on phone: Karla Cain, Linda Thomas, Kristen Zinsky, Mary Johnson-Schroeder, Blake Frederick, Karen Brady, Peggy Papsdorf

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| 1. Call to order / Check in | | The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. |
| 2. Approve minutes of the September meeting | | The motion to approve the minutes carried. |
| 3. Financial Report | The bank balance is approximately \$312,500. | |
| 4. New Members and Recruitment Update | New member Blake Frederick from PNW Helping Hands inc. introduced himself and told a little bit about their organization. There are also two more new members: Cedar Creek Home and Apple Brooke LLC. Jill has reached out to several BRS agencies, mostly on the east side of the state. Please let Jill know if you know of any non-member agencies she should contact. | |
| 5. Policy Manager Position-Update | Rosie Cullen from Mockingbird has been hired. She starts on Monday Oct. 29 th . She will be at next month's division meetings and the next membership meeting. | |

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| <p>6. FCFC Update</p> | <p>Jill signed a contract with a marketing firm on Friday, A Brave New. Jill and a sub committee will have their kickoff meeting with the firm on Thursday. Jill is hoping they might be able to solve the central intake data base issue. One of the first things the new firm will do is go out and meet with the 14 agencies participating in FCFC.</p> | |
| <p>7. Legislative Update</p> | <p>The WACF legislative priorities are: <u>Intensive Services Division</u> – Implementation of the results of the Rate Study.</p> <p><u>CPA</u> – Increase the administrative rate and implementation of FFA. We'd like to work collaboratively with DCYF and provide feedback on the implementation. Jill is still looking for someone to sponsor the bill for the administrative rate. Jill, Mark and Jeff Clare will meet with Steve Grilli, Luba and Holly Luna next week. They will discuss the role of CPA's and how it is different than the state. Jill also had a conversation with Connie Lambert-Eckel about some of the inconsistencies in regions of how DCYF works with CPA's. Jill has been invited to come to the Dec. Field Operations Leadership Team meeting to talk a little bit about that, the FCFC project and to reach out to each of the regional administrators to talk to them about challenges they're having in their regions.</p> <p><u>FPSS</u> – The FPSS Division has been working on new legislation with the Background Check Workgroup and Rep. Ortiz-Self called the Certificate of Parental Improvement (CPI).</p> | |
| <p>8. Division Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPA b. FPSS c. Intensive Services – DCYF Nov. 5 OOS | <p><u>CPA</u> – At the last division meeting one of the topics that came up a lot was the struggles with turnaround times in King County with DLR. They have met with leadership in that region and are trying to work through those issues.</p> <p>The division discussed Child/Youth assessments during their "best practices" portion of their meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p>They talked about how they use them to inform their treatment plans and for data collection.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the difficulty of getting information from social workers, especially court orders. Some regions are more challenging than others. The trend of getting less and less information is frustrating and there was consensus that it is a good time to address it. There is a Region 5/6 Regional Leadership Meeting on Monday and they will talk with leadership about it at that meeting.</p> <p>Another topic was the perception of CPA's. They identified some value adds that could be tracked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth parent engagement • Retention of foster families • Placement stability • Attendance of medical appointments • % of kids involved in services • Permanency • Safety & risk <p>This prompted discussion of what data points could be tracked across membership. Ross Hunter wants to measure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Resiliency • Well-being <p><u>Intensive Services</u> – Coordinated Care came and spoke to the group. The PowerPoint presentation can be found on the CPA and Intensive Services Resource Pages: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/brs-division/.</p> <p>Michael Campbell and Doug Allison will come to the Intensive Services Division meetings every other month. They will be at the Dec. meeting with updates.</p> | <p>Jill wants divisions to think about what data they all could track to build a case.</p> |

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| | <p>Some updates from a meeting with PCG on the BRS Rate Study: They've presented a method to determine rates for residential and group homes but not a model for therapeutic foster homes yet. BRS is getting paid about 85% of their costs. They're also looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other states • Salary scales • Utilization, not being able to staff facilities <p>Jill has been asked to write a letter on behalf of WACF to reiterate concerns on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of licensing not being considered • Empty beds/capacity • Staff vacancies • Capital improvements • The market workforce and wages of WA State • Private agencies being included in conversations around BRS foster care • Amount of time to review intakes • Case aides (separating out) <p>Nikki reported on a WACHYA meeting she attended last week. They acknowledged the disconnect on messaging around background checks. Providers were very vocal and explained their challenges due to being unable to hire staff. There was also a lot of discussion about the education requirements of staff. They were very open to changing those requirements contractually and Nikki has been invited to be part of a workgroup to work on those education requirements.</p> <p>FFA webinar this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Meeting on Nov. 5th with DCYF and BRS providers about bringing out-of-state kids back to WA.</p> <p><u>FPSS</u> – Tim Kelly is having regional FPSS meetings. WACF will have representation at each meeting.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill asked members to think about how WACF can be supportive of your accreditation efforts and let her know. • Jill would like a strong showing at the Nov. 5th meeting (especially from E. WA) and would like to be solution focused. |

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| | <p>Jill wrote a letter to DCYF about challenges around the CANS portal, PCIT contracts and para professionals. The FPS providers are supposed to get a new contract in a month. They continue to have problems with the portal. Tim did have a meeting to work on a new rate for PCIT but nothing has been implemented. It is still uncertain if every FPS provider will be required to have a para professional. There was a meeting in E. WA and providers there reiterated concerns with the contract.</p> <p>Vickie Ybarra and April Potts will be on the FPSS teleconference in December to talk about the FFA and the impact of the act on FPS providers.</p> <p>The legislation called the Certificate of Parental Improvement (CPI) that the Background Check Workgroup and Rep. Ortiz-Self are working on is moving forward.</p> | |
| <p>9. Adjournment</p> | | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.</p> |

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