



10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday October 18, 2016
Meeting summary, Association Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Carol Almero, Paulette Caswell, Paulette's intern – Brittany Hemingway, Jeff Clare, Charlotte Booth, Charlotte's intern – Alexa James, Chuck Cole, Roger Iino, Karen Brady, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy	Members on phone: Linda Thomas, Seth Dawson, April Cathcart, Kymm Dozal, Mary Johnson, Jessie DiPardo
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order / Check in (2 min)		The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes		The motion to approve the minutes as written carried.
3. Financial Report (1 min.)	Jessie reported that the bank balance is approximately \$32,662.	
4. Public Policy (15 min.)	<p>Brian did an excellent job on a draft letter to Ruth Kagi that was distributed for input. There was no mention of WACF's partnership with the Dept. of Commerce or shelter care/residential care.</p> <p>A paragraph about the licensing process will need to be added to the Legislative Agenda for the CPA Division.</p> <p>The Intensive Services Division is still working on their Legislative Agenda.</p> <p>Charlotte reminded that Brian suggested writing a letter to the Governor in support of inclusion of CA's 3 decision packages:</p>	<p>Charlotte will do some minor edits and send to Tom.</p> <p>Jeff will work with Brian on adding a paragraph.</p> <p>Linda will make some minor edits to the draft 2017 Legislative Agenda after it was reviewed and feedback was given.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving placement continuum increasing placement options reimbursing contractors for travel 	Jeff will send a note out to the CPA group to get feedback on the decision packages first.
5. Division Reports (15 min.)	<p><u>Intensive Services Division</u> – Karen reported for the division. They had a robust conversation about recruitment of foster homes and BRS beds. The idea was proposed to call them “Tier 1 homes” – for entry level, new, more typically developing kids and “Tier 2 homes” with families with more experience handling higher end kids. They’re in the beginning stages of the idea and a summary will need to be written. They will need to figure out if they will propose it to CA or if it will be a legislative item.</p> <p><u>FPSS Division</u> – Charlotte reported that the division will move ahead with letters on full rate for travel and mileage reimbursement for visitation and that there will be an OFM meeting on Thursday 10/20 in Olympia.</p> <p><u>CPA Division</u> – Jeff reported that they are having discussions but still need to finalize their Legislative Agenda item on Licensing.</p>	
6. Blue Ribbon Commission Meeting Debrief (10 min.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian has been impressed with the level of knowledge on trauma and the brain in the conversations at the focus groups. He felt like the discussion was more about responsiveness rather than the trauma that occurred. It would have been better and more relevant if it was done four weeks earlier, before the decision was made. In Spokane, there were not a lot of providers present, there was promotion of how well performance-based contracting is going. 	
7. Continuum of Care Stakeholders Meetings Debrief (10 min.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings were not well attended. There wasn’t sufficient discussion time. There was discussion on what will be done about the cost of residential care. Foster parents talked about the lack of support they receive, licensing time, and the lack of consistency between workers and what they’re being told. There was a lot of talk about the amount of medications that kids are coming in with and the lack of information that is given to foster parents regarding medical issues. Providers questioned where is DLR in sustaining and building resources. 	The report is due to the Legislature by Dec. 1st. The general feeling after attending the focus groups was that it is not a sufficient response to the Proviso. We will have to see if what was said at the focus groups will be captured in the report.
8. Spring Event Ideas (7 min.)	Spring event suggestions were discussed. One suggestion was the Association of Children’s Residential Centers pre-conference session on trauma-informed care in Portland on 4/25 – 4/28. The presenters are Dr. Bruce Perry and Stuart Ablon. WACF could consider offering scholarships or co-sponsoring.	Tom and Linda will do more research on the pre-conference.

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	Paulette added that the 2016 Refresh Conference will be March 3 rd and 4 th . The early bird discount ends mid-November.	
9. Coordinated Care Presentation (60 min.)	Tory Gildred and Ruth Bush from Coordinated Care did a presentation from 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. A copy of the presentation can be found at: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Coordinated-Care-Presentation-101816.pdf	
10. Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Prepared by Linda Conchi