



Washington Association  
for Children & Families

**10:00 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday September 20, 2016**  
**Meeting summary, Association Meeting**  
**Lutheran Community Services**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Tom Rembiesa, Jessie DiPardo, Kristen Zinsky, Paulette Caswell, Rod Johnson, Charlotte Booth, Susan Brook, Josh Fullington, Linda Thomas, Kris Sanborn, Jeff Clare, Chuck Cole, Roger Iino, Karen Brady</p>	<p><b>Members on phone:</b> Susan Maney, Seth Dawson, Mike Canfield, Jim Theofelis, Ray Deck, April Cathcart</p>
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<p><b>1. Call to order / Check in (5 min.)</b></p>		<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.</p>
<p><b>2. Review of minutes of the August meeting</b></p>		<p>Motion to approve carried.</p>
<p><b>3. Treasurer’s Report (5 Min.)</b></p>	<p>Jessie reported that the bank balance is currently just over \$31,000.</p>	
<p><b>4. Nominating Committee Protocol (10 Min.)</b></p>	<p>Tom reviewed the Nominating Committee Protocol. This protocol is for election of officers and chair of the Public Policy Committee. It was suggested that there should be a representative from each division on the Nominating Committee.</p>	<p>Divisions were asked to talk about their process for nominating division chairs at their next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Meeting w/ Andi Smith – Report (20 Min.)</b></p>	<p>Andi Smith is the Governor’s Office Senior Policy Advisor for Human Services. Several WACF members met with her last week regarding creation of a new depart for children and families. WACF has no position but asked the following questions at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will DLR go to CA, or stay in DSHS?</li> <li>• What will the impact be on the Placement Stability and Continuum of Care work?</li> <li>• Will children’s mental health go to CA?</li> <li>• Would they consider making Child Welfare Services a trauma Informed service (agency-wide trauma informed)?</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What areas of CA have they identified as needing improvement?</li> </ul> <p>Andi and the commission are well-informed and reported that DLR will be under the umbrella of CA, but mental health will go to Health Authority. Andi offered to come to an association meeting as part of the next steps.</p>	<p>We will invite Andi to the December association meeting. Andi encouraged all our individual members to contact the Governor with feedback.</p>
<p><b>6. CA / WACF Meeting – Report (20 Min.)</b></p>	<p>David Del Villar Fox reported on the CA’s Legislative Agenda and Jenny Heddin went over the Decision Packages. One of their legislative agendas is to extend the FAR case timeline to 90 days. The two top fiscal decision packages that made it out of DSHS and to the Governor’s office were, their request for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>additional staff (61 new staff) to assist with the caseload</li> <li>funds that would allow CA to reinstate mileage reimbursement for supervised visitation providers and fully reimburse travel time for all services provided to families</li> </ul> <p>CA did say that the likelihood of the Governor including mileage reimbursement in his budget isn’t very high.</p>	
<p><b>7. Division Reports (20 Min.)</b></p>	<p><u>Intensive Services Division:</u> Karen reported on the September BRS Division meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The division officially changed their name from Behavioral Rehabilitation Service (BRS) to Intensive Services</li> <li>The Intensive Services Division legislative agenda was discussed</li> <li>Brian reported on the Blue Ribbon Commission</li> <li>The focus groups are a great first step but members feel that they need to continue to push for the Placement Stability Proviso and the Continuum of Care</li> </ul> <p><u>FPSS Division:</u> Kerry Ann reported on the September FPSS Division meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FPSS legislative agenda was discussed</li> <li>They are working with CPA on a position on mileage for visitation and travel reimbursement for therapists that are travelling</li> <li>There was discussion on new in-home contract that brings all EBP’s under one contract with separate statements of work that will add training costs to providers</li> <li>The Blue Ribbon Commission was discussed</li> <li>The Continuum of Care was discussed and members were encouraged to attend the focus groups</li> <li>It was decided not to add training costs to their legislative agenda</li> </ul> <p><u>CPA Division:</u> Jeff reported on the September CPA Division meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPA had their first back to back meeting with the Intensive Services Division and had a great turnout.</li> <li>The CPA legislative agenda was discussed</li> <li>A draft one pager has been written for mileage reimbursement, the licensing process, and for post-adoption support (these documents are still being worked)</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They had an Oliver presentation on how Oliver is being used for visitation, some members expressed reluctance to use Oliver due to the \$10/person/month user fee</li> <li>• CPA is working on recruitment</li> <li>• Melanie Meyers is coming to the next CPA meeting to go over post-adoption support services</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Other</b>	Paulette Caswell reported on the next WACF training scheduled for November 10 <sup>th</sup> . It will be at the Landmark in Tacoma. It will be on Trauma Informed Care and will be presented by Coordinated Care. There will be room for 80 people and the class will be approx. 6 hrs. CEU's and lunch will be provided for around \$15 - \$20 per person.	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>		The meeting was adjourned at 11:45