



Washington Association
for Children & Families

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm
Video Conference Call

Members Present: Jill May, Jeff Clare, Brian Carroll, Charlotte Booth, Ray Deck III, Susan Brook, Cindy Steele

Members Absent: Nikki Brown

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Approve minutes of the January meeting		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
2. Financial Report / Business	<p>Ray reported that the bank balance is \$ \$ 364,288.63.</p> <p>Karen Brady has resigned from her Vice President position. In May this position will be filled during our regular elections.</p>	
3. Executive Director items for discussion	<p>The next FCFC data meeting is February 12th at Amara. After the next quarter reporting (April data meeting) we need to decide to continue the portal or to review other options.</p> <p>Since the last membership meeting, there have not been any responses to the new projected member fees.</p> <p>Policy and Advocacy FPSS - Taku has requested feedback from WACF members regarding the dosage metric for PBC. The January 1, mileage rate reduction is creating billing issues for agencies. Sent our CANSF position paper – to date, we haven't gotten any feedback.</p> <p>CPA - There are still a number of licensing concerns. Holy Luna taking over CPA contracts 2/1/20. Jill met with Steve re: visitation/CPA contract– new contract has not been sent as of 1/29. Steve reports the advisory group idea is being started up again for CPA and BRS – eastside</p>	<p>Board will discuss at May meeting.</p> <p>Jill will reach out to members with their upcoming membership fees. (Invoices will go out to membership in May.)</p>

agencies do not think it will be useful. We will need to regroup after session to strategize next steps.

BRS - There are a lot of concerns as there have been decisions without WACF initial input. Frank and Steve planning a meeting with BRS providers – it has been delayed due to the legislative session. Several BRS providers voicing concerns regarding LDs lack of communication, no improvement with licensing time frames and inconsistent interpretation of policies. Challenges include home study process and group home oversight – Jill and Nikki have a meeting scheduled with Luba on Feb 14th. Agency concerns regarding the BRS contract and how it is being implemented in the field. Jill and Nikki have a meeting scheduled with Jody Feb 25. Jill will schedule with Kwazi.

Legislative:

No key changes. This is a big lift. In-home travel rates have been asked to be scaled.

Concerns around reports that revenue from Boeing may decrease which will have impact the overall budget. The forecast will come out again before final budgets are submitted. Could be bad for both budget asks. General sense for funding is not good. This week brought an important deadline for budget items. The deadline to have Senate budget forms submitted was the end of last week.

CPA Rate Increase – 7.7 million

House still saying stay the course. Rep Sullivan thinks we should wait until the last possible moment to see where we are and if we have to throw in a rate study at the end (he is still not a fan of this approach). Both Sens. Braun (ranking member on Ways & Means) and Dhingra (newly named to Ways & Means this year) have submitted the form for the CPA rate increase request. Additionally, Sen. O'Ban and Rep. Kilduff are submitting letters of support and Rep. Kilduff (newly named to Appropriations this year) is supporting the request. Rep. MacEwen (assistant ranking member on Appropriations) is supporting the request and submitted it this week. Rep. Corry is also supporting the request (also newly named to Appropriations this year).

	<p>We have also been asked to work on scaling options which we are working on with staff.</p> <p>In-Home Travel Rate - \$2,000,000 Mary feels like she has good support from both sides, but is on the fence about the outcome. I haven't spoken with anyone who has pushed back or not thought it was needed. The support is there. Probably should be more optimistic than the CPA rate. From Mary (Charlotte's staff): Representative Bob McCaslin Senator Sam Hunt - asked for budget form Representative Mike Volz Senator Steve O'Ban - Submitted budget Request Representative Michelle Caldier Representative Roger Goodman Senator Ann Rivers Representative Pat Sullivan Senator Maureen Walsh Representative Laurie Dolan Representative Drew MacEwen</p> <p>Budget - A funding request was submitted to Ballmer 1/6/20. We anticipate a February response.</p>	
4. 501c3	The Board voted to establish the WACF Institute for Practice Improvement executive committee.	No opposition
5. Definition of child welfare expenses	The Board discussed the draft definition.	Ray drafted the definition.
6. Legislative Agenda	<p>In the future, WACF legislative goals need to include system improvement not just revenue increase items.</p> <p>CPA increase \$7.7 million- House staying the course; there is support by ranking Ways and Means senators. We have also been asked to work on scaling options which we are working on with staff.</p> <p>In-Home Travel Rate - \$1,000,000 per year -Mary reports that she has good support from both sides, but is on the fence about the outcome.</p> <p>Other items: BRS+ - This is in the Governor's budget; anticipate this will also be in both legislative budgets.</p>	After the session we will evaluate what we did well and what we need to work on.

	<p>CPI Bill (2SSB 5533/HB 1645)- exec'd out the Senate human services committee and is now scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee. The bill was also heard in the House on Friday. It is scheduled for executive session in the House human services committee. The bill has a fiscal note from last year which Sen. Braun mentioned could change but no new fiscal note is publicly available.</p> <p>Family Connections Bills (SB 6422/HB 2525) is out of both committees; has been referred to Ways and Means in the Senate. Governor's office is working hard.</p> <p>Foster Resource Parent Bill (HB 2725) was heard in the House human services committee; this is this getting lots of support.</p> <p>Background Checks: continue to be in discussions with DCYF, they are working on addressing licensing and field redundancies in the system. We were able to share our thanks to Rep. Senn. She was key to helping prompt the Governor's office to look at the issue. The most recent idea is for a Work group out of the Governor's office.</p>	
7. Perigee	Perigee funding will be discussed with the FPSS Division. The question is - does this funding need to benefit members or can the goal be to benefit WACF.	The Board requested a plan for requesting funding proposals.
8. Next member meeting March 24 in Spokane 1-3pm.	Brian, Charlotte, Cindy, Nikki, Ray, and Susan will attend the meeting.	Region 1 DCYF will be invited to the WACF March membership meeting. The agenda will include discussion items to underscore the importance of representation and participation of eastside members.

Prepared by Susan Brook, WACF Secretary