



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:00am – 12:30pm**

Members and Staff Present: Jill May, Brian Carroll, Charlotte Booth, Jeff Clare, Nikki Brown, Ray Deck III, Cindy Steele Guest: Amber McPhee-Millard	Members Absent: Susan Brook
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Approve minutes of the April meeting		The motion to approve the minutes as written carried.
2. Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPP Loan 	Recruitment spending stopped due to COVID-19. The bank balance is approx. \$315,454. Ray applied for a PPP loan on behalf of WACF and we were approved for a \$29K loan through US Bank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board voted against accepting the loan at this time (2 yeas, 4 nays).
3. Executive Director items for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCFC • Member Development • Redefining WACF • Policy & Advocacy • Ballmer grant • Perigee • Safe Babies • NOSAC • The Foster Care Commission 	<p>FCFC – There is money to continue the project for another 6 months. The agencies will meet to decide how/if the project will continue.</p> <p>Member Development – We are still at 47 agencies statewide. We received a new member application this morning for the FPSS Division. There are some agencies Jill has identified that she'd like to try to recruit, especially on the Eastside.</p> <p>Redefining WACF – After a short conversation last week, the bigger discussion remains whether or not WACF should expand in ILS and visitation.</p> <p>Jill would like to establish a sustainability/fundraising workgroup.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill will follow up with Board members to decide who will reach out to the agencies. • The board supported adding ILS but still needs to determine where in the current structure it would be discussed. • The board supported Jill moving forward with the creation of a task force that will report back to the board.

There was discussion on how to best support BRS foster care and residential/group homes and whether or not they should both remain in the Intensive Services Division.

Policy & Advocacy –

FPSS Division is focused on COVID-19 and feeling well-supported. There may be some issues around retainer payments. There is the question of what the return to normal will look like.

Intensive Services Division – DCYF attended the group home meetings twice. Allison Krutsinger who replaced Frank Ordway, joined the meeting yesterday. There remain some concerns about how they do quarantine and isolation sites. WACF is working on getting PPE.

Child Placing Agencies – There is discussion about changes to the CPA contract. Jill has reviewed other states and what their contracts look like. We're starting to run into some issues with SPROUT and visitation and states having access to their own data. Not as much focus on COVID-19 but there may be some challenges on how quickly CPAs will need to resolve all of the waivers they've been given.

Ballmer Grant – We were approved for funding. Jill asked for the first payment in June but does not know if we will receive it that soon. Ballmer wants the funding to go through the c3 in years two and three.

Perigee – Jill has had ongoing conversations with Perigee. They want WACF to hire a full-time position that can do administrative advocacy to connect the dots between child welfare and the mental health system and all the court projects that are happening. Jill asked the group if we should pursue.

Safe Babies – Jill has been asked to be part of this national project for 0-3 that mirrors a project

- There will be more discussion on the Intensive Services Division once the new division chair takes the position.
- Chair and Vice Chair job descriptions need to be finalized and voted on.
- Surveys need to be sent to each division.

- Jill will put together a job description and have the board review and give feedback.

	<p>that is already happening in Pierce County. It's a wraparound approach with the attorneys of DCYF, community partners and prevention folks. They are trying to broaden the project statewide. Jill is on the legislative side along with Sen. Darneille.</p> <p>NOSAC – At the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about COVID-19 and what's happening in other states. Some of the topics discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other states doing quarantine and isolation sites very differently than we are. • Lessons learned and where we go from here in terms of cutting costs and doing more tele-work which could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reduce the need for large offices ○ increase connections while lessening anxiety • Jerry Milner spoke to the group on Friday. He doesn't think that FFPSA goes far enough. He also doesn't think that evidence-based practice is the only way to prevent kids from care and wants to do more work in the communities. This has raised the attention of older youth and how poorly served they are. Jerry reported that all states are asking for flexible funding around COVID-19. • Liability insurance – Rates are high and it's becoming more difficult to find someone to cover agencies. There was discussion about a centralized group approach. <p>The Foster Care Commission – Jill went to her second joint commission meeting. She learned that there are two CASA groups in WA serving different communities and both advocating for money from the same places.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill will try to get the insurance agency rep to do a presentation at our July membership meeting.
<p>4. FY 21 Budget</p>	<p>Jill sent the budget to the board on Friday. The only significant change is adding a new position.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff will work on Jill's performance evaluation and meet with the board to determine Jill's compensation prior to the next board meeting. • The budget needs to be finalized for the board to vote on at the June board meeting.

<p>5. COVID-19 Updates</p>	<p>Jill requested funding for PPE but doesn't anticipate getting funding anytime soon. She is requesting a meeting with DOH for guidance on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quarantine and isolation sites • process in which to place kids and what happens to a group home if there's an infection • return to normal with licensing • retainer payments for FPSS and how to go back to normal <p>Agencies are encouraged to still ask for PPE but they're not tier 1 or priority.</p>	
<p>6. Legislative Update with Amber 12:00 – 12:30</p>	<p>The revenue forecast and caseload forecast will be out in June. There was a revenue forecast presentation on April 30th. Sen. Rolfes noted that the numbers they were giving did not include March and April. The overall picture that gave us is that we could be looking at approx. a \$3.2 billion loss in the current budget cycle and \$3.8 billion loss in the biennial cycle ('21-'23). Some numbers show as high as \$8 billion in losses. The state economist shared that the GDP is down almost 5% for 1st quarter and expecting a dive of 25% for 2nd quarter. Looking at what recovery could look like: The prior recession was described as an L-shape. The hope for the current recession would be a U-shape recovery. The state economist's optimistic (hopeful) prediction would be that perhaps by the 4th quarter and heading into next year things could start coming back. There is the concern that we could see a W-shape recovery if there is another spike and lockdown of the economy towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Rainy Day Fund is about \$3 billion. There has been some discussion that we could wipe out the budget stabilization account (BSA) and that there may be some federal money that could help with the state's shortfall.</p> <p>There could be a special session to address the budget before July 1st, or in the fall. The timeframe is still uncertain but DCYF is anticipating the special</p>	

	<p>session would happen prior to July 1st. DCYF has been given direction to run budget reduction drills (5/10/20%) but expect more precise direction from OFM. DCYF is working right now on what they would address in the short-term and then starting in June they will go through their DP process with a directive of what they need to cut. There is likely to be different rounds of cuts. They will look first at cutting new items in the supplemental budget. Conversations around special session have been unprecedented because they are looking at a virtual session.</p> <p>Some good news: Construction and car sales are starting back up and it is a little over 20% of our state revenue.</p>	
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