



WACF/CA Meeting
October 26, 2017 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Office Bldg. #2 - 1115 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501
4th floor, Executive Conference Room

WACF Members: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Jeff Clare, Scott Hanauer	CA Members: Connie Lambert-Eckel (on phone), Doug Allison, Toni Sabastian, Darcy Hancock, Pam McKeown, Ron Effland
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Agenda Item	Discussion
1. How things are going with CA transition to DCYF	<p>Toni reported that CA is in a period of transition and there is a lot of focus on the back-office functions. They will remain in the same location. A project charter was created and it focuses on the elements of 5890 that speak to DCYF. Workgroups have been formed to work on the back-office functions (fiscal, technology, HR). There might be an organization structure formed by spring but it won't have any names assigned to it yet.</p> <p>Secretary Hunter is doing a lot of travelling, meeting with a broad range of constituents, trying to hear what the concerns and issues are around the state.</p> <p>Connie added that there is a tremendous workload added with the transition of the back-office functions, on top of the daily work that is still being done. The DCYF currently only has four staff: Secretary Hunter, his Administrative Assistant, Lynne McGuire, the program transition leader, and Vickie Ybarra, the Research & Policy Director.</p> <p>Connie responded to the question on culture change by reiterating what Secretary Hunter has said. Culture change is when you change manifested behavior, when you change outcomes, when you change what people do and how they do it. It will systemically and organically change the culture.</p>
2. Decision Packages for DCYF	<p>A description of the CA/DCYF Decision Packages was distributed. These DP's made it out of DSHS and are at OFM. You can read the DP's here: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Childrens-Administration-Budget-Requests.pdf</p>

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	<p>Connie and Toni went over all of the Policy Level asks with the group. For Policy Level B4, Increase BRS Rates, Doug reported that it will be expanded to all facility-based providers who were not included in the July 2017 rate adjustment. Connie will respond to the board at Secret Harbor and to WACF. Connie stated that she and Ruth Kagi will push for PL B4 and if the funds are appropriated, the providers will receive the increase, effective October 1, as a lump sum. Connie supports a rate study.</p> <p>Although it is not in the CA/DCYF packages reviewed, CA is seeking an extension of the FAR time limit. This is also on the FPSS Division 2018 Legislative Priorities.</p>
<p>3. WACF Administrative and Legislative Agenda</p>	<p>Kerry Ann shared the FPSS Division’s Administrative and Legislative priorities: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-2018-WACF-FPSS-Divison-Public-Policy-Agenda.pdf. Connie thinks that the new department will be open to working with the FPSS Division on updating and improving statewide protocols for use of Evidence Based Practices.</p> <p>Scott went over the Intensive Services Division’s Administrative and Legislative priorities: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-2018-WACF-Intensive-Services-Division-Agenda-1.pdf. Toni explained that they have been talking a long time about how they could’ve gotten to the high need kids earlier and intervened in a more intensive way, possibly avoiding the trajectory of bouncing around and ending up in hotel rooms. They’ve hired a consultant, Diana English, to look at the data they have available from assessments, placement history, and number of referrals. Toni is very concerned and talked about how they can get to the high need kids sooner and provide the right service early on. They would like to get kids to stabilize and improve before ending up in hotel rooms.</p> <p>Jeff reviewed the CPA Administrative and Legislative priorities: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-2018-WACF-CPA-Division-Public-Policy-Agenda.pdf. Doug Allison reported that they got proviso funding for incentive payments to new foster homes. The CPA’s will receive \$191.87 as an incentive for each new home they license. They are hoping to have it available starting December 1, 2017. It will include brand new homes or homes that have not been licensed for 12 months or more (that have been on a break).</p>

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