



**WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2018 10am to 11:30am**  
**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Conference Call #: 1(253)533-9195 Access: 657216**

<b>Members Present:</b> Linda Thomas, Jeff Clare, Anna Thompson, Joanne Stimson, Kris Sanborn, Ray Deck, Susan Brook, Nicole Mazon, Shawn Sivly, Jill May, Cindy Steele, Josh Fullington	<b>Members on phone:</b> Carla Arnold
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<b>1. Agency Updates</b>		
<b>2. Sharing Best Practices – Identify a topic</b>	Jeff asked if there were topics that the group would like to discuss as part of an ongoing, standard agenda item of Best Practices. Some ideas mentioned were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transitions – placement and visitation</li> <li>• Trauma Informed Care</li> <li>• Child Assessment (CANS)</li> <li>• Family development</li> <li>• Staff roles and self-care (retention)</li> </ul>	Jeff will send out the list to CPA Division members and ask for feedback on which topic they'd like to prioritize.
<b>3. CPA foster parent and youth representation on our division</b>	Jill stated that as the FCFC project progresses she thinks it will be important to have foster parents there since they are the ones that have gone through the recruitment process and know what the challenges are.	
<b>4. Holly Luna – DCYF, Update on Visitation changes 10:30 am – 11:00 am</b>	Holly Luna and Erika Russell came to give updates on visitation changes.  The last time Holly came to talk to the group she explained how the Dept. was working on service enhancements to supported visitation and at that time it had been put on hold. In February or March they were told to go ahead and	

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	<p>move forward. In June they implemented the Supportive Visits Pilot. They identified 5 providers based on their existing relationship with court partners. The providers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurston County – Strengthening Foundations</li> <li>• Mason County - Reliable</li> <li>• Grays Harbor County -</li> <li>• Whatcom County – Mom’s Transport</li> <li>• Grant County – Reunified Services</li> </ul> <p>The two primary areas they want to improve are coordination and support and engagement. For the complete information Holly covered on the pilot, click here: <a href="http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Supportive-Visits-Pilots.pdf">http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Supportive-Visits-Pilots.pdf</a>. Holly wanted to make sure that we know that the data is taken from a moment in time and it doesn’t represent the whole picture. There are so many other variables and this information just helps them figure out areas they need to address or investigate further.</p> <p>Holly stated that visitations are frequently discussed in the administration and they are aware that there are challenges with visits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving towards more unsupervised visits</li> <li>• Increased need for transportation in the contracts (for providers that are willing to do transportation only)</li> <li>• Rate of reimbursement</li> <li>• System needs to be more supportive of families and caregivers</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Shared time with Intensive Services Division:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Membership Recruitment</b></li> <li>• <b>Meeting with DLR - Jill</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Member Recruitment:</u> Jill informed the group of her scheduled visit to Yakima 8/13/18 to meet with 4 non-member agencies. She also mentioned her visit to Spokane in July. In Spokane, she met with the current WACF members and there is a plan to go back in November for the next provider meeting and lunch afterwards. Jill and Nikki will hopefully talk with agencies including those that aren’t currently members. Jill also visited our new member agency in Eastern WA, Northwest Children’s Home.</p> <p>Jill stated that current members talking with non-members is an important recruitment tool. She also thinks that WACF needs to do a better job of offering more services to our members.</p> <p>Jill also mentioned that she spoke with someone at COA and WACF members will receive a discount on fees for accreditation.</p>	

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	<p>Meeting with DLR: Jill met with Luba Bezborodnikova, Assistant Secretary of Licensing who was also the head of DEL Licensing. Luba was ready to dive in and make improvements starting with the formation of a workgroup in mid-September. The goal of the workgroup is to have firm recommendations by the end of December. Luba wants to do what she can without regulation and identify what needs to be done within regulation. Jill was encouraged by their meeting. Jill has sent Luba the list of the documented DLR recommendations that the CPA Division prepared.</p>	

*Prepared by Linda Conchi*