WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

AGENDA

Child Placement Agency Division December 3, 2015 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

In Person/Conference Call

Discussion	Decisions
Jeff Claire-YFC	
Susan Brooks-Lutheran	
Cindy Steel-Catholic	
Joanne Stimson-CFSF (Chair)	
Todd-Hand and Hand	
Susan M-CHS	
Paulette Caswell-Bethany (Vice Chair)	
Samantha Garcia-Pierce County Alliance	
New member to the group-Calvin Simpson opening a new intake center (not present)	
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3. Legislative Efforts Regarding CPA rate	Linda Thompson testified at a hearing regarding	
restorations:	retention. Went well per report from Jeff. Health and Human Services Committee.	
	Seattle Times series on foster care crisis and need for homes. Multiple day series. Also, article on shortage of foster homes on 12/2.	
Letters from Foster Parents	Collecting Letters from Foster Parents. Goal is 100. We are currently at about 50.	Continue to ask families to send to their legislators. Collect. Bring to next meeting at the latest.
		Ask Brian when to present letters to Leg—Joanne will present discussion/question by next all member meeting.
		Plan is to have the letters presented to a legislator.
Fact Chart for lavislature data from CDA		
Fact Sheet for legislators-data from CPA survey and marketing strategy	We have our statement, fact sheet and information. We may update. Todd will be sending a copy of another fact sheet from something else.	Discussion to have with our Legislative Committee: Where do we go from here? Do we purpose legislation? What are our options? What is our strategy going into session? How are we approaching this? Are we tracking to have it put in the budget? What is next?
		Talk to your legislator-prioritize ones on the following committees Appropriations Committee Early Learning Committee Health and Human Services Committee Ways and Means Committee
		Target: both legislators in your home area and your agency area. <u>Find your legislators and their contact info here.</u>
		Use your Foster Parents to lobby with you. It can be really powerful!!

4. Keeping Kids in Families and National legislative Agenda.	Association has supported Alliance and their agenda. Alliance for Strong Family and Community. Family First Act. It is on the WACF Website. Asking for specific services from 12 months of services for Title IVe funding related to in home services and more. Please review legislation for more information. WACF is a supporter of this federal legislation. Family Unification Program-S2289 Preservation and Modernization is being considered as wellWACF is supporting this as well.	Please Review on the WACF website. Linda and Tom are working to keep the website updated often and keeping it current.
5. ECP's and Appropriate referrals to home/BRS.	Receiving care is 60 days and is being held to. However, DSHS has been doing ECP's to extend receiving care kids beyond the 60 days. It is creating a crisis in receiving care at times. CA is stating that ECP's are out of control and they plan to clamp down on them. Continues to be a concern. States response appears to be the new Receiving care facilities state wide.	

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6. Updates from Executive Team Meeting	Minutes will be posted on the website in a consistent format	
	There will be a Spring Event for WACF	
	There is now a Legislative Group—all committee chairs are on it.	
	Bylaws have been revised and will be distributed and voted on likely in January.	
	New logo—look at the website	
	There is a calendar of all meetings on the WACF website and events.	
		Follow up request on Marketing and Recruitment related to WACF.
7. Adjournment		All Member Meeting: December 15 th
		Next CPA Division Meeting: January 7th

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