



## WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019 9:30am to 11:30am Teleconference

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members on phone:</b> Jeff Clare, Joanne Stimson, Susan Brook, Anna Thompson, Kris Sanborn, Jeff Carlson, Carly Baughn, Mikaela Chandler, Mike Canfield, Renee Johnson, Alice Casson, Katharine Gray, Linda Thomas, Ray Deck, Ezechiel Bambole, Mary Schlichter
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<b>1. Agency Introductions</b>	There will be an FPAWS Gala in Seattle in June. More to come.	
<b>2. DCYF sharing information with CPA's - Update</b>	Next meeting with R5 will be Friday, Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> . CPA's will present their idea of creating a release of information that would be included in the information request packet. John March was going to research their current policy about sharing information with CPA's and report back. They agreed to have CPA's create a tool to help train their staff on what CPA's do and what services they provide. There's also a meeting with their supervisor scheduled for Monday, Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> . The hope is to take the progress made in R5 to other regions as well.	Jeff will send a recap e-mail after the Monday meeting.
<b>3. Tracking data/outcomes – Update (See Handout)</b>	<p>A small workgroup took a deeper dive into assessment tools. Jeff sent out the notes of that meeting to the division. Jill reached out to a number of programs that have assessments for kids and felt that CAFAS was affordable and outcomes-based. She thought it would make sense for WACF to get CAFAS and then each member agency could use CAFAS through the Association.</p> <p>The 3 data outcomes the workgroup is recommending tracking have changed slightly. They are now recommending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth School Engagement</li> <li>• Service Connections</li> <li>• Birth Parent Engagement</li> </ul>	

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	For Phase 2, we would like to start looking at retention and reasons families stopped doing foster care.	Next steps: The CPA Division will need to come to an agreement on the 3 outcomes that should be collected and who wants to participate. Jill will notify DCYF. A form will need to be created to distribute to the agencies that will participate.
<b>4. CPA Public Policy Update</b>	<p>Jill was not able to attend because she was still in Olympia after testifying. Ray reported that he and Mark also testified on the CPA bill in the Senate Committee on Human Services. He doesn't think there will be any problem getting the bill passed out of the Senate. The next challenge will be the fiscal committees since we don't have a fiscal note yet. The CPA bill addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A rate study by an independent contractor</li> <li>• Review of the CPA contract</li> <li>• Incremental rate in the meantime</li> </ul> <p>There was some discussion on whether we should be asking for the incremental rate increase this session.</p>	
<b>5. Sharing Practice Ideas: Topic: New Ideas?</b>	The consensus of the group was that the Best Practices conversations have been very helpful. It was suggested that we revisit the birth parent engagement topic since it will be one of the outcomes that will be measured.	Birth parent engagement will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.
<b>6. DLR – Re-Org (See Handout)</b>	<p>Jeff distributed the re-org chart to the division.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion on the continued issues with background checks, especially in Region 4. Members present are hopeful that the issue can be readdressed with Luba.</p>	<p>Alice from Hand in Hand will send Jeff the flowchart of the process of background clearances to share with members.</p> <p>Jeff will get it on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting with DLR.</p>
<b>7. Comprehensive Review of CPA Contract - Discussion</b>	There has not been a comprehensive review of the CPA contract for over 10 years. We need to identify the service components that we would advocate for being included in the contract. It was suggested that a small workgroup be formed to decide which service components should be measured.	If you're interested in being part of the workgroup, or the point person, please let Jeff know.

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