



Washington Association  
for Children & Families

**WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2020 9:30am – 11:00 am**

**Amara – 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98118, Elephant Room**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Jill May, Kris Sanborn, Cindy Steele, Jeff Clare, Nicole Mazen, Anna Thompson, Amanda Phinney, Zenia Brar, Shawn Sivly, Jon Rylaarsdam</p>	<p><b>Members on phone:</b> Courtney Angeles, Wes Patterson, Katharine Gray, Rhiannon Brill, Mark Fullington, Carly Baughn, Ray Deck III</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<p><b>1. Agency Introductions</b></p>	<p>The group around the room and on the phone introduced themselves and reviewed the draft letter to Jason Churchwell, DCYF, in response to his proposed licensing timelines.</p>	
<p><b>2. Updates from Jill/Legislative Session</b></p>	<p>We have champions in both the House and the Senate. They're asking us to look at scaling our options (think about what we're willing to take). DCYF is talking about redefining CPAs roles but that won't be done until 2024. If we are dependent on determining what our rate would be until our role is determined, that would be a very long time. There are a lot of complications on how we determine how much we're willing to accept. The House and Senate budgets are supposed to come out mid-Feb.</p> <p>Amara has been working with Jill on writing an op-ed. It has gone to the Seattle Times. We will reach out to Crosscut and the Olympian as well.</p> <p>Jill is hearing now that the CPA contract will not come out until September.</p>	<p><b>Jill requested that agencies send letters to their legislators.</b> When writing letters to the House, you're asking for the support of <b>Rep. Ormsby</b>, and in the Senate, <b>Sen. Rolfes</b>.</p> <p>Holly Luna will be invited to the next CPA Division meeting in March.</p>

<p><b>3. CAFAS Updates</b></p>	<p>Multi Health Systems (MHS) will start pulling CAFAS data in March. We will have approximately 5 months of reporting. Supervisors that have Administrator privileges can also pull reports from CAFAS. The reporting seems to be going well for all of the participating agencies.</p>	
<p><b>4. Update from workgroup regarding Jason Churchwell’s proposed licensing timelines. What are agencies being told of upcoming changes/is there consistency amongst regions?</b></p>	<p>A smaller workgroup of CPAs formed to work on a response to Jason’s proposed licensing timelines. The group was asked to give feedback on their draft response.</p> <p>There have been discrepancies in the information providers have received across regions regarding the FFPSA roll out and new form requirements.</p> <p>DCYF is no longer allowed to communicate with outside stakeholders. All communications will need to go through the Communications Office.</p> <p>Jill and Nikki will meet with Luba again on 2/14/20.</p>	<p>Nicole Mazen will make a few changes to the draft and send it to Cindy Steele to send to Jason.</p> <p>Nicole will also compose a message on behalf of WACF requesting clarification on the new form requirements and will share the response with the CPA Division members.</p>
<p><b>5. Workgroups reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recruiters workgroup</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Recruiters Workgroup met last month. They were provided with an update on discussions with Alicia, a consultant that could come talk to them and offer strategic planning for recruitment. A smaller group has a call scheduled with Alicia next week and she will tentatively come visit in April.</p> <p>Agencies provided updates on their recruitment efforts, HubSpot inquiries and trends.</p> <p>There will be an event February 28<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Fostering Together in Federal Way.</p> <p>The RDS meetings continue to be inconsistent. At one recent meeting in Kent, DCYF provided a data dashboard with substantial data on kids coming into care. DCYF needs to get permission to share the data with CPAs. Jill is working with Ruben to try to get access to that data. Kent is starting a Mockingbird Constellation and they have identified</p>	

	<p>a liaison to head that constellation. Another action item toward their goal plan is to send out a survey to current state-licensed foster parents, especially focusing on families that don't have placements at this time. They hope to find out what deterred the families from taking another placement so that they can try to mend those relationships.</p>	
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