



WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes
January 3rd, 2019 9:30am to 11:30am
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Anna Thompson, Jeff Clare, Jill May, Rosie Cullen, Cindy Steele, Renee Johnson, Nicole Mazen, Jennie Brusco, Mark Fullington, Susan Brook, Shawn Sivly, Rhiannon Brill, Linda Thomas, Mike Canfield, Zenia Brar, Joanne Stimson, Paul Cavanaugh, Giddens Foundation	Members on phone: Mikaela Chandler, Wes Patterson, Brian Carroll
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1. Agency Introductions		
2. DCYF sharing information with CPA's - Update	<p>Jeff distributed a response from Joel Odimba regarding concerns that were brought to the Region 5 Administrator regarding sharing of information with CPA's. Joel asked for specific scenarios of what the CPA's are experiencing. He then consulted with the AG to respond to the six specific scenarios. Joel also cited some RCW's that they use as support. Erin Shea McCann is researching on behalf of WACF. There will be a follow up meeting with Joel on January 7th.</p> <p>It was suggested that WACF craft a response to Joel's e-mail that the lack of information that CPA's receive compromises their ability to serve families safely.</p>	
3. Tracking data/outcomes - Update	<p>A small workgroup met to discuss assessment tools and what outcomes could be measured by CPA's as a group. At this time, agencies are all using different assessment tools so it isn't possible to identify outcomes from a specific assessment tool. The group decided to look at outcomes that can be collected currently. They identified the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement Stability • Youth School Engagement - Are they able to stay within their community of origin/school district? • Service Connection - Are we able to get the kids in our programs connected to services? 	

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	<p>Members were asked if these were the outcomes that should be measured or if they had any other ideas. There was discussion about how to track the placement stability, whether it should be tracked just within the agency or if it should be child centered and all moves should be tracked. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to get the placement history logs.</p> <p>Jill is looking into different assessment programs and hopes to have more information by the Feb. meeting. Explicit definitions will be needed so that everyone that will be collecting data will collect the same data. The group will meet again and define what to track and bring it back to the Feb. CPA division meeting.</p>	<p>Jill will provide assessment information at the next division meeting.</p> <p>Data sub group will reconvene and meet prior to the next division meeting</p>
<p>4. CPA Public Policy Update – Rosie Cullen & Jill May</p>	<p>Rosie went over some of the items in the Governor’s proposed budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot program to support foster parents and biological parents coming together • Funding for a foster parent application portal • Parent mentoring programs • WSIPP evaluation funding for foster parent retention • Funding for kinship care programs <p>The CPA specific agenda item, a rate study, contract evaluation and incremental rate increase is going well and is sponsored by Rep. Sullivan. The bill is being drafted now. We’d like the results of the rate study by Oct. 1, to be concurrent with a contract evaluation.</p> <p>Rosie has lots of meetings setup with people and the session starts in Olympia on January 14th.</p> <p>Rosie will do a presentation/training about the legislative session at the Jan. 15, membership meeting. She sent out a survey to see what would be useful to members to cover.</p> <p>SAFE Update: The Executive Director of the Consortium for Children is giving an overview to DCYF of the SAFE Home Study Model on Wed. Jan. 9, 11am – 3pm at Olive Crest.</p>	<p>If you haven’t yet, please fill out the survey she sent.</p> <p>Members attending should share the information with their agency so we can decide if we’re in support of SAFE or not.</p>
<p>5. Sharing Practice Ideas: Topic: Transitions: Placement moves, Visitation, Reunification</p>	<p>Jeff asked how agencies engage foster parents to work with, support and partner with biological parents. The common message was that case managers and a lot of foster parents recognize that it is important for the kids for the foster parents to partner with biological parents. Some agencies are implementing ice breakers and most agencies are educating their case</p>	

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	managers to encourage foster parents to have a relationship with biological parents.	
6. February Meeting: Wednesday, February 6th, 2019	The Jennings Board Room is not available for the 1 st Thursday of February. Therefore, the next CPA Division meeting will be the 1 st Wednesday of February.	The next CPA Division meeting is Wednesday , February 6, 2019.

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