



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

Members Present: Jeff Clare, Zenia Brar, Katharine Gray, Joanne Stimson, Amanda Phinney, Kris Sanborn, Anna Thompson, Rhiannon Brill, Renee Johnson, Cindy Steele, Susan Brook, Jill May, Samantha Garcia	Members on phone: Wes Patterson, Mikaela Chandler, Ray Deck, Amber Lindamood
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1. Agency Introductions		
2. Region 5 Info Sharing Update/gains-challenges Update from meeting with Licensing Division	<p>The document that was created outlining the partnership and information sharing with CPA's was sent out to all CPA's and DCYF staff in Region 5 about a month ago. Cindy asked what are the gains or challenges that people have experienced so far.</p> <p><u>Gains:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given staff more gumption knowing they have something backing them up • FTDM Facilitators seem to know about the contract <p><u>Challenges:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent attorneys are still asking CPA's to leave <p>It was suggested that we bring the document to the next Civil Sub Committee Meeting (court improvement) with DCYF leadership, court leadership, parent attorneys, and the AG office.</p> <p>Jill reported that at a recent meeting with the Licensing Division, it was stated that DCYF headquarters wants to see the progress made in R5 go statewide. There was conversation about not having recruitment contracts anymore and having it all be brought in-house. Jill had some concerns and asked that before they make a decision that they work collaboratively with us. They are considering hiring twelve full-time staff for recruitment.</p>	

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<p>3. Addressing disproportionality of impacted populations/strategies for building capacity/foster home resources that are more reflective of youth in care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is working? • How do we achieve this? 	<p>What is working?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of mouth, relationships with existing foster parents • CYS foster parent recruitment booth at Pride Event in Olympia: 53 people signed up for more information, CYS estimated that they spoke with between 850 – 1,000 people, the most successful recruitment event CYS has had in last 15 years <p>We need more families and communities of color and non-English speaking families. How do we break the language barrier? How do we get into the communities where kids are being removed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and build relationships with leaders in communities • Look at what tribes do – holistic approach to family • Ensure our agencies are diverse • Cluster regionally 	<p>A sub group was created to come up with a strategy to connect with community leaders. Susan, Kris and Zenia volunteered to participate. Jeff will refer someone from Olive Crest.</p>
<p>4. Legislative and Administrative Agenda for 2019/2020</p>	<p>Legislatively we will go for a CPA rate increase.</p> <p>Potential Administrative agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate increase for Parent/Child visitations, mileage, or remove visitation from the CPA contract • Recruitment strategies, collaboration and consistent data • Both DCYF and CPA's being characterized by identifying work being done well in one region with the intention of using this information to help support other regions as they work to acquire the same standard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve access to FAMLINK ○ Timeline around licensing • Background checks • Binti? <p>Cindy will put together a draft and bring it to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Jill -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep Senn • Reception at Ryther • Division questions for Jill's upcoming meeting with Ross Hunter 	<p>Rep. Senn will come to the August 1st CPA Division Meeting. Jill asks that only one representative from each agency come so that we can all fit in the room.</p> <p>Reminder to register for the July 16th event at Ryther.</p> <p>Ross Hunter will be at the July 25th membership meeting. Jill asked the group to come up with a couple of questions for Ross. Suggestions were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does he see CPAs contributing to the overall work of DCYF (our role)? 2. A year after the creation of the new Department, what are his observations on how CPA's are positively affecting the system and what else can we do? 	

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	Cindy will spend a few minutes (5 min) describing the division's work. Jill will discuss WACF's footprint. We will present WACF as a continuum – FPSS, CPA, IS.	
<p>6. Practice improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth family/Foster family engagement • Assessments 	<p>Are there other areas we should add to the agenda for the next year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions • How we're preparing our foster homes to serve EFC kids • How to support kin • Continuum of care • Support for secondary traumatic stress among staff • Support for LGBTQ+ youth and families • Case management model as our agencies grow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Onboarding and developing new families ○ Staffing models 	
<p>7. Cross Over with BRS Frank Ordway</p>	<p>Frank Ordway came to discuss Advisory Groups and the creation of a BRS Advisory Group. With the creation of DCYF, one of the hopes for the agency was to create a greater sense of partnership around services for at risk child, youth and families around the state. The agency needs to do a better job of being less regulatory and work in coordination with service providers around the state. The advisory function was an important element of that commitment and partnership. He gave the group a little history of the 48 varied advisory groups. Some of the functions of advisory groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbiter between agency and providers • Representation from every sector/region • Upcoming rules/regulations • Contract negotiations • Take on bigger issues • Annual workplan/Frank's team in community engagement division then does a feedback loop and management process • Accurate and consistent information • DP's and provider advocacy aligned • Some advisory groups have legislative members and it can help to create and retain champions <p>The timeline for the BRS Advisory Group is: DCYF is working on forming the BRS Advisory Group currently. They will be proposing something this fall that will result in some agency request legislation. It would go into state law after the session wraps. Any funding would be worked out by July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Frank would like to come back to the 8/1 CPA/IS meeting and share some draft concepts of the Hub and Spoke concept that would cover the child welfare array.</p> <p>Frank can send us a list of different groups and some examples of constructs of the existing groups.</p>