



**WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10am to 11:30am**  
**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Conference Call #: 1(253)533-9195 Access: 657216**

<b>Members Present:</b> Jeff Clare, Cindy Steele, Jill May, Kris Sanborn, Megan Walton, Susan Brook, Joanne Stimson, Shawn Sivly, Mike Canfield	<b>Members on phone:</b> Carla Arnold
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<b>1. Agency Updates</b>	<p>Jeff reported that Olive Crest is moving their office in two weeks and will be in a much larger building in Tacoma. He said there is a backlog of families waiting for home studies in their South and North Sound offices. Susan Brook added that they have the staff that can do home studies and brought up the idea of collaboration. Olive Crest is involved in a receiving care project. There will be a receiving care center at a camp in Lake Stevens for boys 6-10 yrs. old. It's a partnership with Overlake Church. There's also a partnership being forged with the school district to have them provide educational support for those kids at the camp. The goal is to start in Sept.</p> <p>Shawn Sivly said Friends of Youth has been partnering with CCS and Bethany to start a Mockingbird Family Constellation in Kent. The three agencies will be at Cornucopia Days this weekend spreading the word about Mockingbird Family and the services they offer.</p> <p>Megan reported on the following for Amara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amara is hiring a community coordinator in Tacoma to work with the baby court pilot model.</li> <li>• In their two emergency sanctuary programs in King and Pierce counties they're doing a lot more to support kids and families in their first 5 days.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Megan met with a rep. from Children’s Home Society and Laurie Lippold to form an initial group called the Family Partnership Initiative. The group will include birth parents, foster parents, and youth. They plan to put together recommendations to DCYF on how they can work together collaboratively.</li> <li>• Megan asked the group if agencies offer other trainings in addition to the CCT trainings. She suggested that it would be great to invite those parents that are waiting for approval, to some of those trainings.</li> </ul> <p>Kris reported that YMCA is doing some restructuring and will go from six buckets of work (education, employment, housing, homelessness prevention, foster care, behavioral health) to three buckets: Permanency/Foster Care Services, Young Adult Housing &amp; Services, Behavioral Health Services. They will be hiring a senior director position that will oversee YBLIFE7, an evidence-based program in partnership with Youth Villages that supports young adults that are aging out of foster care to help create stability and permanency.</p> <p>Jill reported that Michael Tyers from the Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence will come to the September CPA/IS meeting.</p> <p>Cindy mentioned the collaboration with Friends of Youth that Shawn reported on and said that CCS is also starting a Mockingbird Constellation in Olympia and Bonnie Lake. CCS has also been working with a placement desk in Pierce County and several agencies that do receiving care so that the agencies can share information about the child and find them a placement. The agencies collaborating are: CCS, Olive Crest, and Lorene’s Place and CSFS. Cindy will add Amara.</p> <p>Carla reported that they are working with a lot of babies right now and trying to get kids out of hotels. They are looking for a full-time therapist for their family preservation program.</p>	
<p><b>2. Discuss CPA Legislative Agenda</b></p>	<p>Under <u>Administrative Priorities</u> – Establish a collaborative and effective relationship with DCYF that will lead to a stronger partnership, a bullet was added to establish regular meetings.</p> <p>Regarding the bullet on parent/child visitation, Jeff reached out to Holly Luna again and it sounds like they’re moving towards supportive visitation. They have been doing a pilot with some groups in E. WA. Holly wants to come next month to give an update.</p>	

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	<p>Jeff passed along a message from Doug Allison at the last CA meeting. Doug reminded the group of the proviso funds for newly licensed homes for CPA's. He said there are still quite a few providers that don't bill him. He'd like to remind the CPA's that they should collect their incentive payments. Sometimes agencies that have multiple locations in the state will claim their incentive payments in some locations, and not others. Doug says he worries that the proviso won't continue because the data isn't there to show that there's any significant impact on an increase in newly licensed homes.</p>	
<p><b>3. Foster Parent Rights and Responsibilities document</b></p>	<p>Jeff distributed the Foster Parent Rights and Responsibilities document. All foster parents that go through the CCT trainings will receive a copy of this document. Mike Canfield stressed that the big message should be that foster parents should be part of the team. Jill suggested that CPA's review the document with foster parents to help them understand the laws.</p>	
<p><b>4. CPA Foster Parent and Child Representation on our division</b></p>	<p>Jill suggested that foster parents and youth should be at these meetings.</p> <p>Karen added that it would be good to include birth parents as well.</p>	<p>Agencies can submit a name of a family to Jill that was licensed by their agency, that they think would be a good fit.</p>
<p><b>5. CPA Membership Recruitment (Combined divisions topic)</b></p>	<p>Jill will request an updated list of who the providers are, then ask member agencies to provide introductions to agencies they know. Jill would like membership recruitment to be a standing agenda item for all three divisions.</p> <p>Jeff would like the number of homes represented by all the CPA's. It would be good information to have available for talking points.</p> <p>All three divisions could come up with measurements for their divisions.</p>	<p>Jill will ask for the list, prioritize it, and then circle back with the division chairs.</p>
<p><b>6. Our approach being "positive" with DCYF (Combined divisions topic)</b>  <b>*Strategies</b>  <b>*ideas</b></p>	<p>There was discussion on who would be the appropriate person to attend meetings regularly. Frank Ordway, Connie Lambert-Eckel, Michael Campbell?</p>	

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