

WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. CPA Contract/Work request from DCYF: DCYF wants CPAs to recruit and license families that fill the transition from group care to “regular foster care.” They are not referring to BRS. Based on a level system from 1-10, DCYF needs us to take 5-10 kids not the 1-5 kids. Still unclear how they define “need.”
 - a. Our questions have been around how to do this effectively because we get BRS families by bringing them in as classic FC family and building them up. We don’t typically find a highly skilled family immediately.
 - b. We need to determine how and what assessments should occur so that we can create appropriate transitions for families.
 - c. Should there be payments attached to Performance Based Measures –
 - i. Defining our role in getting quality foster families – community building, keeping kids in their communities of origin, keeping them connected with their families,
 - ii. Increase our pool of families at the higher end of needs
 1. POC families
 2. LGBTQ families
 3. Therapeutic families (providing more support)
 4. Kinship families
 - d. Highlight our nimbleness
 1. Share outcomes (determine outcomes to measure and get access to this information from DCYF) – what are the investments that we make in families (and what does that lead to – outcomes). Create a Theory of Change.
 2. Look at a different way to look at payment- flip it to assess needs but also funding attached to positive outcomes for the child.
 3. ideas ready for how to assess kids, i.e.
 4. Office of Innovation's might be helpful to work with them on performance-based outcomes as being helpful.