



11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thursday June 7, 2018
WACF CPA Division Meeting with Frank Ordway
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

<p>Members Present: Jeff Clare, Karen Brady, Mark Fullington, Cindy Steele, Kris Sanborn, Samantha Garcia, Degale Cooper, Hickory Gateless, Nicole Mazen, Megan Walton, Ezechiel Bambolo, Mike Canfield, Jill May, Linda Thomas, Nikki Brown, Jessica Andrews, Bryttany Hemingway, Joanne Stimson, Susan Brook, Kymm Dozal, Josh Fullington</p>	<p>Members on phone: Linda Thomas, Amber McPhee Millard, Brian Carroll, Ray Deck, Shawn Sivly, Carla Arnold, John Hindman, Mary Johnson-Schroeder, Heather Hansen</p>
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<p>1. Brief introduction of agencies and services they provide</p>	<p>Frank Ordway introduced himself and stated that he is currently with DEL but will be the DCYF Director of Government & Community Affairs.</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>2. Brief update on FCFC project - Jill May</p>	<p>Jill gave a brief overview of the history of the collaboration that started with 13 agencies and expanded to all WACF member agencies with the goal of recruiting and retaining foster families. The three parts to what WACF is working on now are: a collaborative marketing campaign, the use of market segmentation data, and a centralized database intake.</p>	
<p>3. How has DEL collaborated with stakeholders in the past and what could this look like with WACF?</p>	<p>Frank talked about how they approached some challenges around partnership at DEL. At DEL, they looked at who were their critical service partners. In the child care arena about 75% of the services being provided were being provided by centers. There was no communication between the centers, or any association. They had no collective voice. Frank started travelling around the state and working with the centers. Eventually, they created an association that is now comprised of 350 child care centers, all small business owners. Frank told them if they created an association, the dept. would create an advisory function at the agency. Using this same model, the new dept. could form a specific advisory function between the new agency and child placing agencies.</p>	

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	<p>Frank said he has an intense bias toward non-profit organizations. He would like to work with the CPA's to establish a statewide or regional advisory function.</p> <p>Frank also talked about the legislation to create the new agency. The commission that made suggestions to the agency said CA/DEL was too regulatory focused and did not partner enough. There were suggestions from the commission on partnership and a requirement in the bill to design an advisory system for the new agency. There are currently 48 advisory groups but Frank did not see any that support child placing agencies. The 48 advisory groups are very uneven. Some are functional and some are not. Frank stated that they will need our guidance on creating an advisory group that meets our needs. They will come back with proposals and ask for our feedback. He wants to make sure the meetings are meaningful and whatever is proposed ends up in state law.</p> <p>Frank said the 3 main issues in the dept are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff turnover • License capacity in child care and foster homes • How providers feel about their relationship with the dept. 	
<p>4. Any changes (if any) is DCYF planning to make with DLR</p>	<p>Frank reported that he has been on the road for the last week so he isn't up to speed on the hiring of the new positions. He did say that everyone is very conscious that licensing needs help. DEL had multiple regulatory environments in which providers resided depending on which funding stream they were tapping into. They had different rules, regulations, different education requirements, etc. DEL spent the last 18 months negotiating every line of their administrative code that oversees the regulation and licensing of child care centers trying to bring alignment in the code. There was no reciprocity between any of the safety visits. Some things they did to make improvements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They negotiated all of the WAC's • Lead an intense internal IT project to reform the way licensors operate in the field • They're weighting the WAC's so different violations have different ramifications now <p>Luba Bezborodnikova who was the Licensing Director for DEL and will be the Licensing Director for DCYF, lead the complex process of negotiations as well as the IT underpinnings of the new licensing system. She has been through a radical transformation on the approach of the agency and Frank envisions a similar process for licensing in child welfare.</p>	
<p>5. Updates on appointments/hires for</p>		<p>We did not get to this agenda item.</p>

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Child Welfare Director and DLR Director		
6. How can WACF best partner with DCYF? What does DCYF need from us?	When DCYF gets more specifics on some of their draft decision package work and legislation work, Frank would like to come back to this group to get feedback to make sure they're asking for the right things. He'd also like continuing help with the structure of the advisory group that will work with the CPA's. Let Frank know when they make mistakes, or they're missing something.	
7. How will Early Learning and Child Welfare intersect?	Some of the brainstorming that's going on in the new dept.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying providers to keep slots open • Training and supporting providers in the child care arena • Training in trauma Karen mentioned that in some regions (at least) it isn't allowed, but she thinks that people that have done great child care would make great foster parents, and foster parents can make great child care providers.	
8. Check Out / Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Prepared by Linda Conchi