



WACF CPA Division and BRS Foster Care Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 5, 2020 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Amara – 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98118, Elephant Room

<p>Members Present: Jennie Brusco, Mark Fullington, Jeff Clare, Jill May, Amanda Phinney, Kris Sanborn, Adryenne Patterson, Cindy Steele, Rene Johnson, Nicole Mazen, Shawn Sivly, Jason Gortney, Zenia Brar, Christy Lunceford</p> <p>Guest: Holly Luna</p>	<p>Members on phone: Courtney Angeles, Jessie DiPardo, Joanne Stimson, Katharine Gray</p>
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<p>1. Agency Introductions</p>		
<p>2. Updates from Jill/Legislative Session</p>	<p>WACF’s original ask was for the CPA rate increase was \$7.7M. It is in the Senate budget as an 18% increase to the current case-management rate and in the House budget as a 7.5% increase to the current case-management rate. We are pushing the Senate very hard to stand their ground and letting the House know that the Senate amount is what we’d like. After the session ends, we will need to start having conversations about what next year looks like since we will fall short of what we hoped for.</p> <p>In-home travel rate of \$1M was fully funded in the House budget and received nothing in the Senate budget.</p> <p>Thank you to Cindy, Jeff and Ray for their testimony when the budgets came out.</p> <p>The session ends Friday, March 13th.</p>	

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<p>3. Licensing</p>	<p>Jill and Nikki met with Luba on 2/14. Here are some of the things discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD wants to go through the RCW's to see what is happening right now that isn't supposed to be happening. • LD is exploring other states that don't have the authority to approve home studies and that have a high level of permanency and a low risk of maltreatment in foster care. • Luba said she would get to work right away on the back-and-forth around minor English/typo errors. • We got feedback that we turn in incomplete packets (missing medicals, marriage certificates, background checks, mental health records, etc). It would help speed things up if we submitted the entire packet at one time. • LD is hoping to add an FTE to help Jason. • LD is talking about the 120-day timeline. • Luba asked if we would be okay with an online, consistent home study template. • Luba wants specific cases where we have experienced significant back-and-forth. <p>A small CPA workgroup went through Jason's packet (CPA checklist, proposed timeline, home study template) and gave Jason feedback. He in turn gave it back to the workgroup and asked for additional feedback. Jason took a lot of the group's edits. On the 120-day timeline, LD is asking that CPAs reach out proactively to LD at 75 days to let them know what the plan is for the packet. Jason is still working on some of the language. There will continue to be form updates/changes. Jason doesn't think the home inspection checklist provides space for CPAs to indicate that the medication management piece has been met. CPAs will still need to use the one-pager moving forward. Jason is willing to work with us and accept feedback. Jill will continue to bring together small workgroups to meet regularly with Jason and LD to work on the ongoing licensing issues.</p>	

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<p>4. Holly Luna</p>	<p>Holly is the new CPA Contract Manager. Her goal is to be a good partner to CPAs and to be accountable for what she says she can and can't do. She will prove to the group the most accurate information she has. She recognizes that the CPA contract hasn't been reviewed for 10-12 years. When going over the contract she noted that another contract she has is exactly duplicated in the CPA contract.</p> <p>Holly has asked Barb and Steve for clarification of what the definition of CPAs will be. They indicated that they could probably provide her with that information by the end of March or early April.</p> <p>As a start, Holly would like to go through the contract one section at a time with a small subgroup of CPAs and clean it up. Then, once the role of CPAs gets figured out rewrite the contract incorporating the changes suggested by that subgroup.</p>	<p>Holly will provide a copy of the contract and work with a small subgroup to go through it and clean it up. The following people volunteered to be part of that subgroup: Cindy, Nicole, Jeff, Kris, Amanda, and Mark.</p>

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