



**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017**  
**CPA Division meeting minutes**  
**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Jeff Clare, <i>Olive Crest</i>, Anna Thompson, <i>Olive Crest</i>, Dianna Zaorski, <i>Amara</i>, Ray Deck III, <i>Skookum Kids</i>, Kris Sanborn, <i>Accelerator YMCA</i>, Mahina Johnson, <i>CCS</i>, Linda Thomas, <i>CCS</i>, Joanne Stimson, <i>CFSF</i>, Kristen Zinsky, <i>CCS</i>, Michael Yu, <i>Olive Crest</i>, Samantha Garcia, <i>Pierce County Alliance</i></p>	<p><b>Members on phone:</b> Penny Neecroft, <i>Children’s Home Society – Wenatchee</i>, Paulette Caswell, <i>Bethany</i></p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<p><b>1. Review of Agency recommendations for top 3 Legislative and Administrative priorities</b></p>	<p>Jeff collected the completed templates from agencies present and members read their top 3 legislative priorities to the group. The list included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to documentation that DLR requires CPA’s to have in their case files (court reports, medical info, case info, family history)</li> <li>• CPA rate increase and mileage reimbursement</li> <li>• Adhering to goal of permanency of dependency cases, timeliness of dependency cases</li> <li>• WAC interpretation of volunteer requirements</li> <li>• CPA’s having greater access to information - getting access to CA’s FamLink</li> <li>• Background checks – using checks that schools or other agencies are using for staff and foster parents</li> <li>• Extending foster care and support to 18-21 year olds</li> <li>• Draft/champion a bill on qualifications that allows for people to be hired without previous experience, expand list of approved educational degrees</li> <li>• Pay incentives for CA employees that are foster parents</li> <li>• RAC – changing the language so that RAC’s are not limited to only initial placements</li> <li>• CPA referral funding process – CA improve process so there’s not so much time spent chasing payments</li> <li>• DLR licensing consistencies</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear, objective tool for determining eligibility for BRS</li> <li>• WAC change for foster parent income requirements</li> <li>• Change in the recruitment and retention contract so that CPA's can benefit from recruitment along with the state licensed homes</li> <li>• Increase awareness and develop programs targeted at transitioning youth from therapeutic services to non-therapeutic without dropping reimbursement so much</li> <li>• More transparency and information for licensing (where is Oliver at?)</li> <li>• Decrease turnaround time for background clearances to be approved</li> <li>• Ensuring CPA staff be at the table (Couldn't hear what Paulette said?)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. 11:00 a.m. Shannon Mead and Laurie Santo – The Foster Innovation Lab</b></p>	<p>Shannon Mead came to speak to the group on the Foster Innovation Lab. The lab is run completely by four volunteers, all current, or former foster parents. Shannon's presentation was on data they've collected over the last six months from a pool of foster parents. Their goal is to inspire positive change within foster care by creating a culture of innovation, creativity, and shared learning. For more information, visit their website: <a href="http://www.fosterinnovationlab.com/">http://www.fosterinnovationlab.com/</a></p>	

*Prepared by Linda Conchi*