

WACF – CPA Division meeting notes from 5/7/15

Present: Jeff Clare, Chair;

CPA Division Chair and Vice Chair Decisions:

The group unanimously agreed to appointments of Joanne Stimson (Community and Family Services Foundation) as Chair and Paulette Caswell as Vice Chair (Bethany Christian Services).

WACF transition plan: Current Division Chair persons and newly elected Chair persons will be meeting with the Executive Team on 6/17/15 and next All Member Meeting is 5/19/15.

Legal Statement for Home Studies:

A copy of the disclaimer statement was provided for Darcy , DLR, and it is expected this will be addressed at the next CA meeting. CCS and Olive Crest plan to use this statement and are reviewing it with their attorneys. May be used as part of a cover letter by agencies when providing packet to new applicants.

Discussion of DLR stepping out of responsibility or liability when not providing full disclosure. Since the licensing process is still done by DSHS and they issue the license, liability remains with the State.

Question of liability to private agencies particularly if there is a safety issue and there is an unknown history related to the concern. Also concerns with advocating for a family to be licensed if the facts for a denial are not made known.

A larger issue of providing accurate information generally was brought up related to the above issue. The need for accurate and current information continues to be problematic in all areas of communication. It was noted that CPA's can now request a CPS history with a release from the family. CCS noted they have the Department sign off on a safety checklist when working with a youth to confirm safety information.

DLR Home Study Policies and Procedures Review: Jeff has submitted list of CPA Licensors who are willing to participate and meeting is scheduled for 5/22/15 with Chrissy Wright.

CPA Contracts:

Draft copies of contracts sent out by Doug Allison per timeline discussed at past meeting. Much improved process at this point and still need to get finalized copies asap. Visitation contract changes were noted with the need to adjust volunteer work/employment references: page 59, #11, regarding letters of recommendation not just from employers. Also on page 58, 3F, 5F and 7F need consistent language. Page 73, under sibling visits also needs to be similarly edited.

Noted that Accredited agencies no longer are being required to send monthly reports and how this might impact services?

Partners for Our Children presentation last meeting with Joe Menko:

Need for ongoing plan to utilize some of the data to identify appropriate services and impact of services for families. Questions of how to best use data – tracking moves, changes in placement, from relative care or foster care? Plan to invite Joe Menko back to this meeting and requested that CPA's plan to bring questions for data tracking.

Agenda Items for CA/WACF meeting June 17, 2015:

1. Agreed that CPA rates remain a concern with increases likely in BRS and FPS approved by CA.
2. Educational requirements/ approved degrees for licensors, case managers, etc ; need list
3. Home Study disclaimer statement and plan to address communication needs between CPA's and CA

Next Meeting of CPA group 6/4/15, 11:00 to 1:00 at LSS