



WACF CPA Division Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm
Ryther-2400 NE 95th St., Seattle, WA 98115

<p>Members Present: Shawn Sivly, Kris Sanborn, Jill May, Mark Fullington Guest: Natalie Ellington, Eileen & Callie’s Place Added during crossover: Jennie Brusco, Christy Lunceford,</p>	<p>Members on phone: Anna Thompson, Jeff Clare, Zenia Brar, Cindy Steele, Joanne Stimson, Wes Patterson Added during crossover: Katie Bass, Danielle Hofstetter, Katharine Gray,</p>
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1. Agency Introductions		
2. Eileen & Callie’s Place	<p>Natalie Ellington presented from Eileen & Callie’s Place. It is an organization that supports girls 18 yrs. old that are in, or were in the foster care system. For more information go to: https://eileenandcalliesplace.org/. Jill will bring materials to the next membership meeting.</p> <p>Ask: For referrals for girls in foster care and turning 18 yrs. old within a year.</p> <p>Fundraising breakfast will be May 7th at the Auburn Community & Event Center.</p>	
3. Updates from Jill/Legislative Session	<p>Jill, Jeff, Mark and Nikki met with Licensing. They discussed data sharing. From 2018 to 2019 there are 70 less foster homes. Of the total 5,066 foster homes, 1,831 are CPAs (37%). State foster homes are licensed in 154 days, CPAs in 177 days on average. Jill spoke with Ruben regarding the difference in time to licensure. He has plans to make this better but they’re long-term.</p> <p>Other issues: inconsistent expectations for state and CPAs foster homes. Jason provided the draft licensure document for feedback from the group. They are important because it gives us something to point to.</p> <p>Binti: Now have to put things out for bid because there are other similar businesses. Timeline for implementation has been delayed as a result.</p>	

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	<p>Holly Luna is the new CPA contract lead. On 12/10/12 DCYF sent out a Family Time Contract and a CPA contract explaining that the visitation portion of the CPA contract will be removed. They were asking for feedback and sharing that CPAs could expect these to be sent out by regional contract managers in mid-January for review and signature. Questions regarding the amended CPA contract should be directed to Michael Campbell and questions regarding the Family Time Contract (visitation) should be directed to Ericka Russel. Family Time Contracts must accept 85% of referrals.</p> <p>Jill is going to Washington DC with DCYF to work on speeding up adoptions for kids whose permanent plan is adoption. If you were paid to do an adoption for harder to place youth, would you do it? What would the pay be, \$1,500 - \$6,000? The group needed more information to answer the question.</p> <p>Legislative Agenda: CPA rate increase not in Governor's budget. We have sponsors from the Ways & Means and Appropriations Committees. Amber, our lobbyist, asks please write a letter to your representatives about what the rate increase would mean to your agency. Let them know if you'll close, do layoffs, close programs, etc. Only say what is true. If you say you'll close and then don't, that is not helpful. Only send e-mails, no paper letters. Include historical impacts (closing CPAs, programs, recruitment, etc). Be ready for request in next couple of weeks.</p> <p>FCFC- Could have recruitment consultant. Is there interest?</p>	<p>Next step is to gather people who want to participate in conversation. Wes, Shawn and Nicole volunteered to discuss.</p>
<p>6. Crossover with IS Division 11:00 am – 12:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation document • LGBTQ youth 	<p>Expectation documents: Jason wants feedback from us on the Process for New Licenses and the CPA Content Checklist.</p> <p>LGBTQ youth: We do not serve LGBTQ youth well in CPAs or group homes. How can we work together? They want to meet with agencies (administration and line staff). Is this something we want to do? It would likely be a 3-hr. meeting. The group agreed they would like to participate. Could there be multiple locations? East? What should it look like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be positive and honest about challenges • Share their experience and get guidance around sharing their own stories • We should ask specific questions? 	<p>Cindy will send Jason an e-mail letting him know we are working on feedback. A group will create a letter that Jill will review and send. Nikki, Anna, Dave and Amanda volunteered to help review.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="646 134 1482 191">• We need to make sure we are listening. They say they aren't being heard<li data-bbox="646 196 1451 253">• How do we ensure/communicate safety so youth can share their identity?<li data-bbox="646 258 1287 293">• Workshop on how to intervene with foster parents	

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