



WACF CPA Division and BRS Foster Care Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 2, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jill May, Jeff Clare, Anna Thompson, Josh Fullington, Katie Bass, Ray Deck III, Kris Sanborn, Cori Peck, Carla Arnold, Ashley Harris, Kymm Dozal, Jennie Brusco, Shawn Sivly, Jason Gortney, Mark Fullington, Cindy Steele, Katharine Gray, Nikki Brown, Paul LaRose, Rhiannon Service, Sam Garcia, Shelly Hahn, Jessie DiPardo, Linda Thomas,

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1. Agency Introductions	The meeting was a video/teleconference as a result of social distancing due to COVID-19.	
2. Visitation	<p>A member asked if others had picked up the Family Time contract. They are concerned that they won't meet the performance measures and it will reflect negatively on them if they only take their own clients. A few providers responded that they have picked up the contract and are not having any issues with providing visits only to their own clients, or mostly their own clients. DCYF intends to get everyone into SPROUT, their mechanism for tracking visitation, as it rolls out across the state.</p> <p>Jill sits on a commission about the courts. There is conversation about in-person visits. The court may order some in-person visits.</p>	Jill will update everyone when there is a decision made.
3. Debrief of DCYF/CPA call	<p>Jill asked the group for feedback on the call yesterday with DCYF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for the tip sheet to come out that was mentioned in the meeting • Different regional licensors putting out different expectations for CPAs, it would be great to have more consistency 	Ray and Linda can send Jill some good resources for keeping young children engaged to share with the group.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are so many individual waivers, it would be nice if most common items could be blanket waivers (Ex: CPR/first aid) • Frustration that there is limited guidance/no one in charge • The question was asked if anyone has been able to get a family licensed virtually – several said they had received licenses back quickly 	
4. General Discussion	<p>Q. Are providers are getting new placements? Several providers answered that they are still getting a few new placements and others are not getting new placements but having kids move around.</p> <p>Q: Do agencies have plans in place if there is a breakout in a foster home? It is complicated to know what to do if a foster parent gets sick knowing whether to move a kid or not. A few provides shared how they've dealt with staff, parents, or children that have been sick.</p> <p>Several providers seeing significant drops in their receiving care contracts.</p>	<p>If you have a staff person or foster parent that gets sick, let the medical professional know that you are essential to get the tests results prioritized.</p> <p>Jill can ask Holly to speak to it on the Monday phone call.</p> <p>Jill and Jeff will ask Jenny if those contracts will be supported by the retainer.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi