

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday, June 2, 2015 10am-12pm

**Attendees:** Charlotte Booth, Brian Carroll, Jeff Clare, Greg Dootson, Erin Larson, Rod Johnson, Linda Conchi, Tom Rembiesa, Jessie DiPardo, Joanne Stimson

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Edits were made to the previous month's executive meeting minutes and then the minutes were approved for posting.

**Financial report:** Kim was unable to attend but informed us that she sent out the dues invoices and checks should be coming in soon. We are still waiting for the bill from the conference and then Kim can start working on the year-end statement. Kim will set up a time to meet with Jessie to show her Quick Books and to go with her to US Bank to sign over the account. Kim will stay on as co-treasurer through July to assist Jessie.

**Legislative:** Brian talked with Laurie Lippold and she suggested that it might be a good time and strategy to go to the media to raise the issue of the BRS rate increase being in the House budget but not the Senate budget. There needs to be new revenue. The message could state that this is only one third of the problem, and we could address the in home and CPA issues as well. Kids sleeping in hotels should be addressed. Ryther is a logical point since they have a lot of BRS beds in Seattle. Also, Navos may be another option. Tom will reach out to Karen, and Rod will reach out to Lee at Ryther to discuss a possible press release.

### **WACF/CA meeting agenda:**

The agenda was further worked and the current proposed agenda is:

#### WACF

- Placement crisis
- Licensing/homes/availability
- DLR- timeline for licensing & retention and recruitment of foster homes
- Educational requirements – approved list of degrees
- Contract changes – Providers need adequate time to review and respond

### CPA Division

- CPA rate restoration
- Thank you for working with us in collaboration and giving us opportunities for input on: Data security verbiage and assisting DLR in drafting new policies and procedures around home studies

### BRS Division

- Out of state kids
- BRS rate reimbursement

### FPSS Division

- Thank you for collaboration on FPS redesign
- FAR

### **FFTA Presentation at Casey Family Services:**

We talked with Sandy Hart from Casey Family Services who will be hosting our WACF general association meeting on June 16, at Casey Family Services in Seattle and will be hosting lunch afterwards.

The association meeting will be: 10 – 11 a.m.

Presentation: 11 a.m. – noon

Lunch and networking: noon – 1:00 p.m.

The presenters will be: Joshua Gacek, Manager of Member Services, FFTA  
Phyllis Stevenson, Rapid Resources for Families, North Carolina  
Doug White, Alaska Child and Family

Joshua went over what the presentation will be focused on:

- Generating interest in FFTA in the Pacific NW
- Benefits of membership, including discounts to events, membership content on website, their Endorse Program discounts
- Public policy stuff – they will try to get their public policy consultant, Laura Boyd, to call in to go over some of things they're working on at the national and state level, including a federal bill they're pushing for a federal definition of therapeutic foster care

Joshua stated that they have a wide variety of member agencies in therapeutic foster care, residential foster care, and traditional foster care.

Josh will send a list of providers to Greg to pass on to the executive committee. Linda can cross-check them with our list of members.

**Association meeting agenda 6/16 (1 hr. meeting):**

Minutes of previous meeting

Financial report

Legislative report

Survey - hard copy, online & e-mail

CA/WACF meeting agenda

Outgoing board/new board members

**Impact Sheet/Survey:**

Linda's action items:

- Have 30 copies printed to bring to the 6/16 association meeting
- Send an immediate reminder for location change of 6/16 meeting
- Early next week, send out another reminder of meeting location change, presentation & lunch
- Post the survey online
- Post information about lunch & meeting at Casey Family Services online
- Time an e-mail with survey to send to everyone right before the 6/16 meeting

**Division Reports:**

**BRS:** Rod mentioned that there will be a two-day mini academy for facilitators in Portland next month, based around WISE and the National Wrap-Around Initiative. The training will be conducted by the University of Portland and the University of Washington.

**FPSS:** Charlotte reported that they will be having another big meeting with Tim Kelly on Thursday. They have also had two meetings with the Giddens Foundation discussing a grant and will have a third meeting (webinar) and Tim Kelly will go over the CA budget.

**CPA:** CPA will have their division meeting on Thursday with Doug Alison from 11 – 12, and then from 12 – 1, Joe Minko from POC is coming back to help figure out how to gather specific data that will be helpful to CPA.

Jeff reminded everyone about the training on Friday on the Data Security portion of the contract.

Jeff also talked about a meeting that he and a few others from his division had with Chrissy Wright about policy changes around home studies. The meeting highlighted disconnects around home studies and what's required and inconsistent statewide. It was good meeting and they are working on drafting new policies and procedures around home studies and regional licensing.

Meeting adjourned 11:54 a.m.