



Washington Association
for Children & Families

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10am-12pm

Members Present: Tom Rembiesa, Jeff Clare, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Jessie DiPardo,

Members on phone: Brian Carroll, Charlotte Booth, Karen Brady

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Review of minutes of the February meeting		The motion to approve the minutes as written carried.
3. Review the Annual Calendar for upcoming tasks		There were no upcoming tasks in March.
4. Public Policy Updates	<p>HB 1661 - Creating the Department of Children, Youth, and Families: Brian got an update from Laurie Lippold. She stated that the bill is considered NCID (Necessary to Implement the Budget) and will likely come up early next week. She encourages people to continue to contact House and Senate members to actively support the bill when it comes to the floor for a vote.</p> <p>Brian, Karen Brady and Linda Thomas will speak at the work session on the Continuum of Care Report on 3/10/17. Linda will talk about foster care and the CPA side, Karen will talk about BRS, and Brian will talk about the process and summarize the WACF issues that were raised at the CPA and Intensive Services division meetings last week. Brian will also talk about how early intervention services and preventative services (FPSS) should be included in the continuum. The focus will be on how to move forward and how WACF can help with the implementation of recommendations.</p>	

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	Charlotte asked who would be attending the rally for Rep. Kagi's Reinventing Foster Care package. Charlotte and Karen will be attending and Jeff will try to attend.	
5. Association Meeting Agenda		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Feb. minutes • Treasurer's report • Report on WACF/CA quarterly meeting • Public Policy updates • Report on meeting with Susan Dreyfus • Check in on WACF Annual Conference • Chris Parvin - 11:00 a.m. • Let everyone know that at April meeting we will be asking for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee
6. Activity Coordination		There was no activity to coordinate.
7. Susan Dreyfus, CEO of the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities – 11:00 a.m.	Susan came to the meeting, distributed a packet of information and discussed The Alliance's vision for a healthy and equitable society. She went over some of the member benefits including their extensive digital library and their peer exchange networks. She mentioned that depending on the percentage of members that join, WACF member agencies can receive a reduced membership fee and WACF could have its state association fee comped. She also touched on FEI, their partner Behavioral Health Program and CPI (Crisis Prevention and Intervention) and the Mandt system. Brian will bring more information on the Mandt system to the association later this year.	
8. Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Prepared by Linda Conchi