

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday, November 3, 2015 - 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Brian Carroll, Erin Larson, Rose Quinby, Joanne Stimson, Jessie DiPardo, Linda Conchi

Minutes of previous meeting: Minor edits were made to the previous month's meeting minutes and then the minutes were approved for posting.

Short WACF/CA meeting debrief: There was a short discussion of the topics covered in the CA meeting on October 21st. There was a good review of CA's legislative agenda items and what we could support.

National Level Legislative Agenda: Brian distributed copies of the *Keeping Kids in Families* campaign. As the three largest networks of public and private agencies working directly to strengthen the lives of children and families, the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, and the National Organization of State Associations for Children (NOSAC) have joined forces and this summer will launch *Keeping Kids in Families*, a national campaign focused on keeping the best interests of children and their families at the center of decision making.

The triad of organizations coming together to lobby nationally has been an incredibly productive and positive thing. It's a great forum to stay on top of what's happening nationally, like the Family Stability and Kinship Care Act and the Family-Based Foster Care Services Act. Brian is excited that there is legislation being proposed to reform the way we fund treatment foster care.

Alliance for Strong Families & Communities membership webinar update: There is no update yet because Tom has not heard back from the Alliance for Strong Families & Communities yet.

Ongoing webpage work: There needs to be some housekeeping done on the homepage of the website to keep it more current. There was also discussion on where we should be storing our important documents. Linda will find out from GoDaddy what our storage limit is, and mentioned that there is OneDrive storage that she setup for WACF when she took over for

Erika. Linda is also in possession of a folder with hardcopies of important documents including the Certificate of Incorporation, the EIN and the UBI numbers.

It was agreed to add a quick agenda item to the Executive Committee meetings every other month on website review. It will just be a quick check to see what should be added to the website, as well as what might need to be removed. Erin volunteered to do some website inventory to assist Linda on what she might need to remove from the website.

Application process for new members: Tom will document the application process and get it approved by the Executive Committee at the next meeting. The question was brought up, who should keep the master membership list. Tom will address this when he documents the process.

There was a motion to approve the applicant **Empowering, Inc. Services**. The motion carried.

Application revision for New Individual Membership Category: Linda will edit the current application and run the edits past Charlotte who volunteered to proofread.

Recap Document for 2015 Legislative Platform Results: Charlotte suggested a clarification on what was asked for, and what each division actually received after the 2015 session. Brian volunteered to do the write-up for the BRS Division and Charlotte will do the write-up for the FPSS Division.

Ad Hoc Committee – By-Laws Revisions: Tom enthusiastically volunteered to lead. Brian and Erin volunteered to help.

Ad Hoc Committee – Communication Protocol: Brian volunteered to write the communication protocol procedures.

Association Meeting Agenda Items:

- Minutes of last month's meeting
- Financial Report
- Legislative Report w/updated 2016 Legislative Priorities document
- BRS Division Forecasting meeting recap
- CA meeting recap
- Spring Event

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.