



## Executive Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 4, 2016 10am-12pm

<b>Members Present:</b> Tom Rembiesa, Charlotte Booth, Brian Carroll, Jessie DiPardo, Karen Brady	<b>Members Absent:</b> Scott Hanauer, Jeff Clare, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<b>1. Call to order – Review of Minutes of September Meeting</b>		The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. The motion to approve the minutes carried.
<b>2. Every Kid Gets a Lawyer Initiative</b>	The initiative will allow all children to be appointed a lawyer during the dependency process. In the past, some counties have provided legal representation, some have not.	Brian will talk to Laurie more about the initiative and then present to the Public Policy Committee to decide if WACF will support.
<b>3. Contacting Non Returning Members</b>		The Board reviewed the current member list and will reach out to members that have not renewed their memberships.
<b>4. Public Policy Committee – Legislative Agenda</b>	CPA and FPSS have finalized their one-pagers. Brian suggested creating one page for the entire Association’s platform, rather than three separate agendas.	Brian will create a draft to present at the October association meeting.
<b>5. Blue Ribbon Commission Stakeholders Meeting - Debrief</b>	<p>Brian has been impressed with the level of knowledge on trauma and the brain in the conversations at the focus groups. The discussion was more about responsiveness rather than the trauma that occurred.</p> <p>It would have been better and more relevant if it was done four weeks earlier. Brian has pledged WACF’s participation and support of the process and emphasized that WACF will be active in the outcome.</p>	Brian will draft a letter to the Blue Ribbon Commission, Ruth Kagi and the Governor to express our support.
<b>6. Continuum of Care Stakeholders Meeting - Debrief</b>	Meetings were not well attended, and the discussion time was short. There were a couple of foster parents at one of the focus groups that talked about the lack of support they receive, licensing time, and the lack of consistency between workers and what they’re being told. There was a lot of talk about the	

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	<p>amount of medications that kids are coming in with and the lack of information that is given to foster parents regarding medical issues.</p> <p>The report is due to the Legislature by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The general feeling after attending the focus groups was that it is not a sufficient response to the Proviso.</p>	<p>Karen will draft a letter to send to Jennifer and Taku inquiring about the next steps after the report is complete.</p>
<b>7. Vender Rate Meeting - OFM</b>	<p>The 10/5 meeting has been postponed.</p>	
<b>8. Activity Coordination</b>	<p>None to report.</p>	
<b>9. Spring Event</b>	<p>Spring event suggestions were discussed. One suggestion was the Association of Children's Residential Centers pre-conference session on trauma-informed care in Portland on 4/25 – 4/28. The presenters are Dr. Bruce Perry and Stuart Ablon. WACF could consider offering scholarships or co-sponsoring.</p>	<p>Spring event ideas will be discussed at the October association meeting.</p>
<b>10. Association Meeting Agenda Items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes</li> <li>• Financial report</li> <li>• Blue Ribbon Stakeholder Meeting</li> <li>• Continuum of Care Stakeholders Meetings</li> <li>• Spring event ideas</li> <li>• Division reports</li> </ul>
<b>11. Adjournment</b>		<p>Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi