

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday October 6, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as written.

Roles/Responsibilities of Executive Committee/Division Chairs: There was discussion of what the model should look like for communication of division chairs with their divisions. When WACF is on the agenda of an external meeting, division chairs were asked to communicate with their division members ahead of time, so that all members would be given the opportunity to give input. It was also recommended that division chairs communicate with their division members any time meetings or events are coming up. Division chairs can also send their meeting minutes to Linda to post to the website under the Division Resource Page to keep members up to date.

It was suggested that we have a standing Executive Committee agenda item at the end of each Executive Committee meeting in which the division chairs review any meetings they had and who they need to communicate with. One suggestion was to call the agenda item, "Outreach/Communication."

Legislative Committee Proposal: With the association membership growing and more members willing to step up to advocate, there needs to be good communication on who is meeting with which legislators, and what is being worked. Moving forward, we need to be careful to preserve relationships with key legislators and to be able to convey our message as a whole association.

The Executive Committee proposed the following Legislative Committee: Scott Hanauer, Brian Carroll, Tom Rembiesa, Jeff Clare, Charlotte Booth, Joanne Stimson, Rose Quinby. In previous years, the Legislative Committee also included Seth Dawson, Laurie Lippold and Jim Theofelis.

The Legislative Committee will regularly communicate with membership what they're doing and encourage members to do what they need to do to help.

Joanne reported on the CPA meeting with Ruth Kagi on October 5th. She felt like the meeting went well and Representative Kagi was very knowledgeable and supportive. Some of the topics discussed were: Rate Restoration, Retention of foster parents; Questions on Evidence Based Practices; Oliver Program (POC program), Work on visitation.

Legislative Agenda: 2016 Legislative Priorities

CPA Division

RATE RESTORATION FOR CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

FPSS Division:

1. *PAYMENT OF FULL RATE FOR TRAVELING TO CLIENT HOMES*
2. *FUNDING FOR CA AND DBHR TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES TRAINING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES*
3. *TRACKING AND REPORTING ON SERVICES RECEIVED BY FAR FAMILIES*

BRS Division:

RETURN BRS TO THE REVENUE FORCAST

Division chairs committed to updating CWAC Chart.

Charlotte reported that if they can get a commitment from CA to do the tracking and reporting, then #3 (above) will be removed from the Legislative Agenda.

There was a motion to accept the 2016 Legislative Priorities. The motion carried.

CA Meeting Agenda:

Attending: Tom, Joanne, Brian, Erin, Charlotte, Rose, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Linda. Joanne and Rose will ask their divisions if others want to attend.

The proposed agenda is:

WACF: *What is CA's legislative agenda and how can we support?*

BRS:

- o BRS Forecasting*
- o WISE Rollout Status*
- o Exceptional Cost Plans*

- o Kids placed out-of-state*

CPA:

- o Rate restoration*
- o Licensing efficiency with OAC #*
- o Utilization of CPA homes*

FPSS:

- o Paying a full rate for travel time to client homes*
- o Funding of EBP training and QA*
- o Update on SafeCare training of trainers and thanks for the collaboration*
- o Tracking what community services FAR families receive; successful linkages*

FPAWS request of members: The Executive Board decided it would not be able to support Mike's request of fundraising, or membership in FPAWS, from its other member agencies. It would also set precedence for other members to request membership in their associations. Tom will contact Mike with FPAWS to discuss.

Scope of Linda's Duties: When and if Linda is asked to do special meetings, it will need to be approved by the Executive Committee first since it will cause an increase in her hours.

Association meeting agenda:

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Financial Report
- Legislative Agenda and Strategies
- Webinar with The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
- Continuing Education Update
- Division Reports

Adjourned at 11:59 a.m.