

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 1, 2015 10am-12pm

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Edits were made to the FPSS and CPA monthly meeting times and then the minutes were approved.

Financial report: Jessie reported that the bank balance is \$44,400. \$20,000 is earmarked for SafeCare Training. She received dues from two more member agencies and will deposit their checks today. Quickbooks is still not syncing with the bank account. Jessie has to update Quickbooks manually. She still doesn't have the information from the last two weeks of June. She will contact Kim to try to reconcile the account.

Charlotte gave an update on the SafeCare Training. Originally, we had asked for money to train two new SafeCare Trainers. We did not get any applicants from Eastern Washington like we had hoped. Charlotte went back to the Foundation to ask if we could train just one trainer. The Foundation agreed. There will be approximately \$13,000 paid to Georgia State to train the one trainer and then WACF will pay the agencies that send coaches to be trained. We now have five coaches to be trained. Training will occur September 27th and 28th, 2015.

There was a motion to allow Charlotte to sign a contract with Georgia State to do the training and WACF will pay them for the training. The motion was carried.

Legislative Report/BRS Forecasting: Brian talked about our two big focus areas moving forward, BRS Forecasting and CPA Rate Restoration. Laurie and Seth want to have staff from the Ways & Means or House Appropriations Committees, along with people from CA, come to our Association meeting in October. It was agreed that the meeting should be with the BRS Division, along with the Executive Board. We will try to schedule the meeting during the usual Executive Board meeting time, October 6, 2015 from 9:30 – 12:30. Linda will try to secure the Jennings Board Room at LCS.

Brian also added that WACF needs to establish its 2016 legislative agenda and hopefully we can finalize that at our October meeting.

Tom suggested that we need to resurrect the Rate Restoration Position Paper.

Rose mentioned a conversation she had with Laurie Lippold about how CA can use money from the BRS money because it's not forecasted or protected. There's a trend that kids with acute behavior problems are being referred to regular foster care with an Exceptional Care Plan instead of going into BRS Therapeutic Foster Care. Laurie pointed out that part of why that is happening is you're moving the money over to a pot of money that is forecasted, regular foster care. That's how forecasting is connected between the two divisions, BRS and CPA.

Division Follow-Ups:

CPA: Joanne reported that Seth will be at the next CPA meeting. Joe Menko from POC will also be working with the CPA Division to do some data collection on the timeline for licensing. A survey was sent out by Paulette to 194 agencies around the state gathering data on licensing, adoptions, and vacancies.

BRS: Rose covered BRS Forecasting and will be talking about ECP at their Sept. 10th meeting.

Association Meeting Agenda Items:

- Legislative Strategy – Our platform, BRS Forecasting, Divisions Legislative Agendas
- Rod – Update on FFTA/Decision on Membership
- Joining Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
- Training
- Children's Administration Provider Directory – Tim Kelly and April Potts
- Individual Membership/Changing Bylaws

WACF/CA Quarterly Meeting Agenda Items:

There will be no September meeting. Tom will check with CA for available dates in October. We will work on the agenda at the September Association meeting.

Linda's Contract: Linda was excused from the meeting and the Executive Board voted to extend the terms of Linda's Professional Services Agreement for another year. They will address the questions of scope (Divisions, etc.) at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Individual Memberships: Tom was excused from the meeting. The Executive Committee will recommend to the membership that:

1. We create an individual membership category of "alumni".

2. Eligible persons are those who have had previously documented participation in the association, and are not currently employed by an agency that is eligible for agency membership.
3. Dues will be \$100/year.
4. Alumni members have full voting rights.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00