

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

MINUTES

FPSS Division

November 9th, 2017 3-4 PM

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Members: Shannon Bayne Vice Chair, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy Chair, Charlotte Booth Vice President Ex Board, Scott Hanauer, Dave Kucklick, Jessie Dipardo Treasurer Ex Board, Melissa Gorgone, Christi Lyson, Diana Crawford, Gary Romjue, Marie Preftes-Arenz, Debra Hatton, Joseph LeRoy, Danielle McCutcheon-Needham, Tammie Nielsen, Jessie Dipardo, Chris Heckert, Roxanne Cates, Carla Arnold, Rachael Gray, Marcella Thornburgh, Jennifer Shutter.

Member Agencies: Institute for Family Development, Catholic Community Services, Community Youth Services, Olive Crest, Services Alternatives, Working Choices, Inc, Children's Home Society, Crawford Counseling, Youth Net NW, Hope Sparks, Pioneer Human Services

Present: Charlotte Booth, Marcella Thornburgh, Kerry Shaughnessy, Debra Hatton, Paulette Caswell from FCFC.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order, introductions and minutes.	Minutes from previous meeting not available for approval.	
2. FCFC phone conference	Paulette Caswell talked through the Foster Care Funding Collaborative development and the proposal to merge with WACF. They pointed out that this merger will give more support for expanding the association to Eastern Washington and getting more members state wide. They also have plans for market research. That initially is for recruitment of foster homes and promoting the work of the private agencies. They also will use the market research to identify communities where services will be needed with high levels of intensity for planning for the delivery of services. Paulette indicated that she thinks the funders will be willing to fund In Home services in some capacity.	The vote will be next week with each member agency having one vote.

	<p>The actual job descriptions are not written yet and they will want two members of the In Home Division to be on the transition committee. It was clear that the proposal and information from FCFC did not acknowledge the accomplishments of the the FPSS division over the last three years. At least one member needs to be from a non FCFC agency.</p>	
<p>3. Discussions with Tim Kelly on the FPS difficulties with billing CRA and planning.</p>	<p>There was agreement that several important issues for the FPS contract were addressed. Engagement time is especially great to have acknowledged. For further discussion of para pro position we want to include that families are often fragile and in complex situations with complex trauma histories. Difficult to have a para drop in and out in these cases especially when engagement is so fragile. To have some instances of administrative support doing activities that could be billable also very important. Even though Tim and EBP local managers had agreed that they are willing to pay for shopping they were open to discussing the issues of sustaining para pro positions in agencies. They were also open to hearing about the needs of DV victims that are not identified by CA social workers but with FPS involvement there needs emerge and become urgent.</p>	<p>Confirm the agreements with Tim Kelly and find out if there is an implementation time frame. Kerry Shaughnessy will follow up. Here are the points that Tim Kelly agreed to address:</p> <p>Immediate change in the fee statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours of engagement efforts as direct counseling. • Add to fee statement • Time spent gathering any information to complete the CANS is direct service. • Phone calls to CA Social Service Specialists. <p>Long term possible contract changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop guidelines for FPS when DV is discovered. Work on clarification with CA clarify taking victims to DV shelters, helping with restraining orders. • Develop a new worker type to bill for support administration work. <p>Tim Kelly will notify FPS providers when any of these possible changes are implemented.</p>