WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Minutes FPSS Division September 7th 2017

Phone conference: Marcella Thornburgh, Christi Lyson, Charlotte Booth, Debra Hatton, Kerry Shaughnessy, Shannon Bayne

Agenda Item		Discussion	Decisions
1.	Call to order, introductions and minutes.	Welcomed new member, Marcella Logan Thornburgh of Community Youth Services of Olympia, Randy Roberts has retired and Marcella will be attending our meetings.	Minutes of August 2017 approved
2.	CWAC meeting with Ross Hunter and DCYF transition planning. Ideas on how to connect.	Charlotte reported some highlights of Mr. Hunter's presentation at CWAC. He has a desire to change the culture and the behaviors of CA to serve kids, increase prevention, and reduce the trauma to children that are in care. He talked about some broad based outcomes, like kids staying in school but no specifics for us yet. WACF is asking him to come to a WACF meeting.	WACF will host Mr. Hunter at the WACF membership meeting in October. The meeting will be longer by extending over lunch. There will be membership meeting notices about this event.
3.	Staffing changes in CA related to Transition to DCYF	Reviewed the notices about staffing changes and how this will impact the WACF-CA quarterly meeting.	We will go ahead with the administrative issues on our agenda with the new staff and proceed prior to any other new department changes.
4.	FPS difficulties with billing CRA, possible contact methods for varying work load.	Debra Hatton articulated clearly for us all the issues with the limit of 30% CRA to direct service time in the FPS fees. This limitation is in the fee table and not out lined in the contract. We want to discuss a different method of paying for CRA at any time of the case regardless of the length of a case.	Debra Hatton agreed to commit these issues to a letter and FPSS division will discuss concerns and requests with Tim Kelly.

5.	Travel rates implemented in PICT, and in EBP's with sum payments and no designated travel rate.	Charlotte reported her agency has been in meetings with Tim Kelly because they have so many of the EBPs in this category. She said that travel rates are being worked out an fee tables may change to therapist hourly rates. There is no proposal on what those rates are. CFI may just go away and FPS will be used instead.	
6.	Agenda ideas for Quarterly Meeting with CA.	General discussion	Kerry Ann Shaughnessy will attend.
7.	Workshop ideas for FPSS providers for skill building that WACF can host	tabled	
8.	Membership meeting, Sept 19 th . Patrick Dowd from the Ombudsman's Office scheduled to come on Sept 19 th .	The content of the meeting with Patrick Dowd, who he is and how he impacts our agencies and foster homes was discussed.	General Membership meeting attendance was encouraged.
9.	Review the FPSS Division Advocacy Agenda 2017-18, thank you Charlotte	Charlotte pointed out that we may not be fully explaining how much the driving impacts the services delivery. Charlotte encouraged us to be more engaged and descriptive and perhaps the next time with the Office of Financial Management we may be more successful with our agenda.	