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FPSS Division

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Location: Lutheran Community Services Northwest - 4040 South 188th St SeaTac, WA 98188, 3rd floor – Jennings Board Room

Members: Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Chair, Shannon Bayne, Vice Chair, Dave Kucklick, Debra Hatton, Charlotte Booth, Vice President WACF, Jessie Dipardo, Treasurer WACF, Marie Preftes-Arenz, Carla Arnold, Michael Jaurigue, Jill May, Executive Director

Member Agencies: Institute for Family Development, Catholic Community Services, Olive Crest, Services Alternatives, Working Choices, Inc, Youth Net NW, Pioneer Human Services, Alpine Counseling Services

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order, introductions and May minutes		Motion to approve the May minutes carried.
2. CA re service array 2 – 3:15	Tim was unable to attend the meeting. Felix Idahosa and Isaac Isaacs from CA came in his place. Felix went over the service array CA offers and asked for input from the group: http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-Stakeholders-	

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1. Timely access to referred services: Felix explained that the One-Stop online tool makes it easy, no matter where you are in the state to click on a county and the One-Stop will show you service providers in that area.

Kerry Ann added that the lists that parents (adoption support) are being given need to be updated for accuracy.

CA policy on referring to WISe: Felix reported that workers are asking for more support for difficult kids than WISe can offer. Dave stated that he thinks the service array is broken because there are no crisis services/rapid responses. The Family Assessment, Stabilization & Treatment (FAST) has gone away.

2. Comprehensive In-Home service that CA is able to provide:

b.) Peer Support: Kerry Ann asked what Tim was referring to by Peer Support. Felix explained that parents that have gone through the CPS process can help support new parents that are going through the system (court hearings, dependency classes, etc). Felix also stressed that they are continually out in the community trying to get parent feedback.

c.) Respite Support: Felix mentioned the respite support pilot that Secret Harbor and Skookum Kids are participating in in Skagit

	<p>County. They are providing case aids and support for foster families. Kerry Ann also talked about the Safe Families program offered by Olive Crest. It works individually with the birth parent family, not foster parents. Safe Families is able to offer someone who can take a child while the parent is doing other things, for example, in-patient treatment. Safe Families only works with families with no dependencies. Safe Families is trying to develop services in all counties.</p> <p>d.) Behavioral supports for children and youth: Charlotte referred to the WISUP study of FAR that showed that only 6% of families are getting a service. There's an irrefutable need to increase the number of services available and that means training CA staff to make the referrals.</p> <p>Cultural Humility requirements and CA trainings:</p> <p>Felix asked if anyone knows of someone doing a great job in the community to let him know. Marie recommended a trainer on Cultural Competency and Cultural Humility training that she and some of her staff have gone to every year. She will get her contact info to Charlotte and Kerry Ann.</p> <p>Debra will send Felix an e-mail with a suggested checklist for newer social workers of things they should have ready for agencies when they make their referral.</p>	
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<p>3. Jill Marshall May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • CHAMPS • Funding Potential 	<p>Jill was introduced to members and talked about her experience with ICF International, a Capacity Building Center for the States, The Adoption Exchange, a National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment, and her experience at the New Mexico, Children, Youth and Families Department, Protective Services Division. She then gave some background on the Foster Care Funding Collaborative (FCFC) and how her position was funded.</p> <p>CHildren need AMazing ParentS Campaign (CHAMPS) was started as a national policy campaign to help states improve their policies around keeping children in foster homes, kinship placement first. CHAMPS reached out to Jill and others in the state including Ruth Kagi. They want to know if WA will partner with them. Jill is looking into it and will get back to us on whether it will be a good fit when she knows more.</p> <p>Jill reported that the Balmer and Giddens Foundations that are funding the FCFC want to fund FPSS as well. They want to help and are coming in with an open mind. They want to meet with the FPSS agencies to learn about the array of services they offer. The funders would like Jill to come back to them with next steps.</p> <p>The group did some brainstorming on how the funding could be most helpful to the division but the discussion needs to happen when more members are present.</p>	
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<p>4. Next meeting agenda items <u>Next meeting: July 12th 3 – 4:30 p.m.</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunity – September with lunch and presentation. Need to decide who does what parts of the presentation. • Legislative Agenda • Move monthly meeting to 2nd Thurs of each month?
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