



Washington Association
for Children & Families

MINUTES

Family Preservation and Support Services Division

October 3, 2019

3:00 to 4:30 PM

Members attending: Carla Arnold, Shannon Bayne, Charlotte Booth, Debra Hatton, Christi Lyson, Marie Preftes-Arenz, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy

Staff attending: Jill May

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order and September minutes		The meeting came to order at 3:05 PM. The minutes were approved as written.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions	Members introduced themselves.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with Katy Kaltenbrun Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau.	Katy went over the materials distributed to the division members prior to the meeting. Our goal is to help our client families feel safe enough to respond to the census. The number of children counted in a state is tied to federal dollars for important programs. The specific target of her work is increasing the number of children age birth to 5 who are counted. Children least likely to be counted are newborns, kids in joint custody, foster kids, those living with relatives, and those living in multi-unit buildings.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Certificate of Parental Improvement. 	<p>DCYF has announced they will be drafting their own bill, following the format of our Certificate of Parental Improvement bill from last legislative session.</p>	<p>The Background Check Workgroup will work with the legislature and DCYF to coordinate efforts in this area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on legislative request for increased rate for travel time. 	<p>Mary Fischer from Institute for Family Development, and Jill and Amber from WACF have been meeting with numerous legislators. We have several legislators who say they will support our request. DCYF told Jill our request may only need to be \$1.5million rather than \$2million.</p>	<p>We will wait to see the DCYF math in writing before changing our request to \$1.5million.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract changes 	<p>Concerns identified included: It is unclear when the CANS doc(s) are to be uploaded; the promised reimbursement for doing CANS recertification on line is not yet in the fee table; the contract still references “clinical supervision”; removal of the requirement to submit a Google map with billing has not yet made it into the fee table; new language about transporting clients says we must provide the restraints and the parent must be in the car when transporting children.</p>	<p>We will produce a document specifying our concerns.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on hiring of Tim Kelly’s replacement. 	<p>No announcement has been made.</p> <p>Jill has been talking with Barb Putnam, who will be the supervisor of the person who replaces Tim. We hope to have Barb come to a FPSS Division meeting as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Jill will ask Barb to attend our November or December meeting. We will make it an in-person meeting.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New requirement to rate referent concerns as a 2 and to turn back referrals 	<p>Tim Kelly has asked that the CANS training and requirements be changed so that if the referent states a concern, that item must be rated a 2 or 3 regardless of what the client says. Before, if the client disagreed with the state worker, it was rated a 1. He has also said a client must have 2s and 3s or we cannot serve them. The CANS is thus about to be a screening tool for delivery or denial of services.</p>	<p>We will take these concerns to Barb Putnam.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance based contracting; completion of CANS as the measure of engagement, and receipt of referral to intake as a measure of timeliness. 	<p>Development of the measures for PBC seems to be moving forward without our input. We do not believe completion of the CANS is a good measure of engagement.</p>	<p>We will take this concerns to Barb Putnam. Our recommendation is that initial engagement be measured by whether the family attends at least 2 or 3 sessions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative advocacy agenda: improving the training and QA for EBPs. 	<p>This item is yet to be written up. We are particularly concerned about the lack of PCIT training. We are also concerned that SafeCare counts of agency coaches to do the QA with new home visitors with no reimbursement.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member recruitment 	<p>We have a new division member, David Simonson from Creative Solutions Counseling.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.</p>