



Washington Association
for Children & Families

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Family Preservation and Support Services Division

August 1, 2019

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Members Present: Carla Arnold, Charlotte Booth, Karla Cain, Debra Hatton, Christi Lyson, Molly Phillips, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy.

Staff Present: Jill May

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order and July minutes		The meeting came to order at 3:06 PM.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with Melissa Gorgone regarding our state's Permanency Project. Increased role for private agency folks in FTDMs and other DCYF meetings.	The sites for the Permanency Project are Aberdeen, Bremerton, Shelton, Spokane, King, and Wenatchee Counties. There is an external evaluator. The goal is to reduce time spent in out of home care when possible. There are now 12 different kinds of shared planning meetings. The number/kinds would be reduced. The meetings will be more inclusive and intentional. We explored how private agencies could be at the meetings as a resource for matching family need with available programs/services in the community. Members were pleased at this idea and expressed concern about additional unfunded time in DCYF meetings and potential conflict of interest. Melissa said the grant has funds to cover this.	Melissa thanked us for our time and input; we will discuss this more as the project moves forward.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief July 25 meeting with Ross Hunter 	<p>Secretary Hunter acknowledged the vendor rate problem for in home services but did not say it would be addressed in the DCYF budget. He did talk about a type of capacity funding, like what is now used in BRS. This would be a tremendous improvement over the strictly fee for service funding system in place now.</p> <p>Secretary Hunter said he cannot imagine a scenario for implementation of FPSSA that does not include expanding in –home services, although such expansion is not apparent in the department’s current budget or decision packages.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance based contracting update; completion of CANS as the measure of engagement 	<p>The current draft of performance based contracting of in-home services as completion of the CANS-F as the measure of family engagement. While we all would do fine with this as a measure, it does not seem like the best measure, as it is something the therapist does, rather than the family. Concern was expressed that the CANS-F alone is not an adequate assessment and is not a valid or reliable measure of client change.</p>	<p>We will discuss this further at our next meeting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Jill on foundation funding 	<p>Perigee is not interested in providing funding for the required staff trainings. They want to change how families are served. There is interest in funding in the area of an assessment tool or method that could drive change in DCYF.</p>	<p>How to better match clients with services will be on the agenda for our September meeting.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final review of advocacy agenda 	<p>\$65.00 per hour for travel time, ad improvements in background checks are two legislative priorities. Improving the QA/fidelity support for EBPs is an administrative agenda item, although it could become legislative.</p>	

- **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.