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Family Preservation and Support Services Division
September 6, 2018 - 1:30 to 3:30
Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Jennings Board Room

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Members Present: LaNaia Colbert, Cara McCartney, Shannon Bayne, Melissa Gorgone, Charlotte Booth, Jessie Dipardo, Brian Carroll, Debra Hatton, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy

Members on Phone: Marie Preftes-Arenz, Karla Cain, Megan Walsh

Staff Present: Jill May

Member Agencies: Alpine Counseling Services, ANSWERS Counseling, Community Youth Services, Catholic Community Services, Institute for Family Development, Olive Crest, Pioneer Human Services, Service Alternatives, Working Choices, Inc., Secret Harbor, and Encompass NW.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order and August minutes		The motion to approve the minutes carried.
2. Update on our advocacy agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSIPP Evaluation of WISE • Background check issue 	The evaluation of the WISE program by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) is moving along nicely. Dr. Eric Trupin has agreed to be a spokesperson and given his	

	<p>endorsement. He has advised Charlotte on how to prepare by talking to the plaintiffs in the lawsuit case, Disability Rights Washington and the AG's.</p> <p>The Background check issue is going well too. The Workgroup is meeting in a couple of weeks with the new Director of Eligibility and Provider Supports, Nicole Rose. Ross Hunter replied to the Background Check Workgroup's letter regarding their concern about them adopting a new Secretary's List of Disqualifying Crimes because the new standards are stricter. The Background Check Workgroup has been working on Parental Access Certificate of Transformation (PACT) which means that a person who has a founded finding can bring forth a request to have it not be a factor in passing future checks. They are working closely with staffers to write that legislation. Rep. Ortiz is a big supporter of the legislation.</p>	
<p>3. Report on WACF Board meeting Sept 4 with Steve Grilli, new Director of Child Welfare Programs for DCYF.</p>	<p>The conversation with Steven was very encouraging. He comes from a provider background. He worked for a large not-for-profit agency in Philadelphia. He is now the Director of the Division of Child Welfare Programs. He talked to the Board about culture change, customer service, and collaboration. He was open to having regular conversations with us and making sure the right people are in the room.</p>	

<p>4. Recruiting new members</p>	<p>Charlotte talked to the group about Jill's recruitment activities in Eastern WA of CPA and BRS providers.</p>	<p>It was decided that a list of all the Combined In-Home Providers will be brought to the next FPSS meeting and members will be asked if there are any non-members on the list that they know.</p>
<p>5. Contract issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANS portal • Parapros • PCIT payment system 	<p>Jill wrote a letter to Steven Grilli asking for a moratorium on any further changes in the contract until they can talk about the challenges around the CANS portal and para professionals. The concerns stated were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANS portal – People with Macs and people out in the field without Excel are having problems submitting through the portal. Since the portal isn't working they asked if providers can still submit paper for a while. • Para Professionals • Why move the last of the PCIT contracts away from a pay point system? <p>Steven got the letter and will look into it and get back to us.</p> <p>Meeting on Friday 9/7 on PCIT rate change and EBP Adoption Support with Tim Kelly.</p>	
<p>6. Meeting with funders (2:30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Discussion of possible items for funding 	<p>Andrea Estes from the Balmer Group came to talk to the group. The discussion was based on Andrea trying to get to know the providers better. She asked the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What services to you provide? • What are members hearing in terms of FAR? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What population do you serve (demographics)? • Is there any population that you don't feel you're able to serve? • Do you have issues with not enough bilingual employees? • What is your perception of your ability to reach rural areas? • Who is the workforce you're recruiting? • What do you think are the positive opportunities with the FFA legislation? • Top 2 priorities for providers' relationship with DCYF <p>Andrea said the conversation was a good introduction for her to the group's services. She acknowledged that we're in early design stages of thinking. She heard some similar comments about reshaping the relationship with DCYF that she'd heard from the CPA Division. She said it also sounded like an opportunity to leverage WACF as a central platform for extended learning. Andrea mentioned a project she would like to elevate called Project Evident. She will send some information to Jill. It's about the lost art of being able to prove from the providers side, that they can be empowered with more rigor and process to say; this is what works.</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.</p>