

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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MINUTES

FPSS Division
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3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Conference Call

Members Present: Charlotte Booth, Christi Lyson, Ifeanyi Chukwu, Jessie DiPardo, Jodie Smetak , Kim Zacher, Melissa Gorgone, and Scott Hanauer .	Members Absent: Andrew Hill, Anna Thompson, Anne Snook ,Dave Kucklick, Diane Shepard, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, Kris Sanborn, Rose Quinby, Shannon Bane, Tom Rembeisa,
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.
2. Review of minutes of the June meeting and debrief of decision made with Tim Kelly	<p>The minutes seem fine as written. The decision we made with Tim at the end of the meeting was better than where it appeared the CA was heading when Tim first began talking. FPSS Division members all use salaried staff, so we would not be likely to incur training fees. Agencies who do not pay their employees/contractors to attend training will incur the fees.</p> <p>The major problem driving CA to push for "cost sharing" with private agencies is that the legislature enacted SB2536, requiring DSHS to increase the use of EBPs, without allocating new money for this. The result is that EBP training and QA costs are coming out of existing state service dollars. Ideally, new funds would have been allocated to cover the costs of the state's purchase of training and QA.</p>	<p>The FPSS Division will have a legislative agenda item for the 2016 session of adding dollars to the CA and DBHR budgets that are used for the state to purchase training and QA services for providers.</p>

<p>3. FAR: concerns about what services families are being given and what families are entering FAR</p>	<p>FAR cases are supposed to be low to moderate risk, and cases involving crimes (abuse) were not to be included. This is not happening. Abuse cases are being screened into FAR , and some are high risk. There does not appear to be any tracking and reporting of what services FAR families are actually receiving.</p> <p>Mental health centers report that children from FAR families are showing up for services without the center knowing the family is involved with FAR. No referral is made by the state, and the mental health centers receive no information about the family from the state. How can private agencies collaborate with the state on child safety if we do not know what the CA knows?</p>	<p>The FPSS Division will work with other community partners and key legislators, and ask for a review of FAR. We will create a list of questions we have, and data we would like to see.</p>
<p>4. Update on SafeCare Train the Trainer</p>	<p>The project is proceeding, although at a slower pace than we would like. It is anticipated the application to become a trainer will come out soon. WACF will distribute the application to agencies that have a Certified Coach. We hope the training of trainers will occur in late September.</p>	
<p>5. Report back from June quarterly meeting with the CA</p>	<p>We thanked the CA for Tim Kelly's collaboration with us and other providers on the FPS redesign.</p> <p>Jennifer reported that the state is not performing as expected on our IV-E waiver. Placements are up, not down, and there is no money in the reinvestment account. Other states are experiencing the same problem. The feds are open to renegotiation of the waiver terms.</p>	
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<p>6. FPS referrals from FAR workers</p>	<p>Some FAR workers do not appear to know that they are able to refer to the new FPS; they had been barred from using the old FPS.</p>	<p>Members will reach out to CA workers to let them know about the new FPS.</p>
<p>7. Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief full association meeting and FFTA proposal 	<p>The FFTA is supporting attempts at the national level to require all agencies that do treatment foster care to be accredited through COA. This would be undoable for small agencies.</p>	<p>We will ask WACF Executive Committee to have the organization take a stand opposing this.</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:50PM.</p>