



**Washington Association
for Children & Families**

**MINUTES
Family Preservation and Support Services Division
September 5, 2019
3:00 to 4:30 PM**

Members attending: Carla Arnold, Charlotte Booth, Cara McCartney, and Kerry Ann Shaughnessy

Staff attending: Jill May and Amber McPhee-Millard

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order and August minutes		The minutes stood as written.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions	Amber was introduced to the division members.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with Laurie Lippold regarding SSB 5290	Before talking about the senate bill, Laurie let members know that there are multiple conversations going on about rates, and a group will come together. A bill last session recreated the Vendor Rate Task Force. Although the focus was on Medicaid, perhaps other rates could be included in this work. SSB 5290 focuses on keeping youth and families out of the court system. Beginning July 2020 the state will no longer be able to use detention with CHINS, and runaway foster youth. Beginning July 2021 truants cannot be detained.	

	<p>Work now needs to be done on creating a vibrant array of family reconciliation-type and mental health services. Some might be connected to shelter care or other beds. Others would be for families whose youth are at home. We need these services in place by July 2020. WACF members expressed their willingness to work on this, as many of us have experience with this population.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Certificate of Parental Improvement. 	<p>There is concern that including volunteering at schools as part of the CPI bill creates complications.</p> <p>DCYF may be working on their own version of a CPI bill.</p>	<p>We need more information from DCYF before proceeding.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of draft one-pager regarding legislative request for increased rate for travel time. There is room for a few more sentences... 	<p>The members reviewed the draft</p>	<p>A statement will be added about how the in-home services prevent unnecessary foster care. Some background about what happened with travel rates in the 2017 session will be added.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill update on hiring of Tim Kelly's replacement. 	<p>Jill was part of the interview panel. Two finalists will go for a second round of interviews later this month. The new person will start sometime in October.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance based contracting; completion of CANS as the measure of engagement. Should we formally oppose this? 	<p>Members concurred that completion of the CANSF is not a strong metric for engagement. The metric should be what the family does (for example attends two sessions) not what a therapist does. Also, this seems like a metric for initial engagement only.</p> <p>Another concern about the PBC grid is using time from approved referral to intake as a metric for timeliness; members believe it</p>	<p>The division members would like to ask for collaboration with DCYF about the metrics chosen for PBC with in-home services.</p>

	<p>needs to be time from formally accepted referral to intake.</p> <p>Members have heard that Oliver is now SPROUT, and we will all have to use it.</p>	<p>We need to get clarification on what services will use SPROUT</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief meeting with Melissa Gorgone in August. How can we meet the stated need to help state workers choose the right services? Is there another way another than lead agencies? Could a better assessment tool help? Can this be an area for Perigee funding? 	<p>Ideas included: development of a form describing who fits in what service; provide training for DCYF workers; have service experts available to talk with a DCYF worker about the various services; have service experts at all decision making meetings.</p> <p>There needs to be a better way for DCYF works to find a provider with an opening.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.</p>