



Washington Association  
for Children & Families

**WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2020 11:30am – 1:00pm**

**Amara – 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98118, Elephant Room**

**Members Present:** Jill May, Nikki Brown, Kris Sanborn, Jon Rylaarsdam, Shawn Sivly, Jeff Clare, Anna Thompson, Zenia Brar, Nicole Mazon, Jason Gortney, Josh Fullington

**Members on phone:** Heather Hansen, Amy Woodward, Mary Johnson-Schroeder

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<p><b>1. Licensing Division ongoing issues discussion</b></p>	<p>Nikki distributed the list she compiled from providers of ongoing barriers/challenges that they're having with LD. She asked the group for any additional challenges and added them to the list.</p> <p>Nikki and Jill will meet with Luba again on 2/14/20.</p>	<p>For any providers that haven't sent their list to Nikki, please get them to her by Monday and make sure to include <b>specific examples</b>. Agency names and regions will not be included. Nikki will share the list along with the minutes of this meeting.</p>
<p><b>2. Address need for a cross walk with accreditation/contracts</b></p>	<p>Some agencies reported that they are asked to take kids that they are not equipped to handle. If they did take them it would put their accreditation in jeopardy or cause them to lose their accreditation. One agency reported that they asked DCYF if they could find out about other referrals that they might be able to take in and DCYF said no.</p>	
<p><b>3. Do agencies have vacant beds? Reasons? Referrals received?</b></p>	<p>The most common response was that the providers have open beds because the referrals are not the right fit. They're being asked to place kids they are not equipped to handle (same as above). Some agencies also have openings due to the ratio of</p>	

	BRS youth to CPA youth.	
<p><b>4. Jill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The future of WACF</b></li> <li>• <b>DCYF Decision Package</b></li> </ul>	<p>Jill asked members their thoughts on WACF supporting and bringing in providers that have ILS contracts and Family Time contracts. The consensus in the room was that members would support it. Jill asked for volunteers to meet with her and discuss what it might look like structurally.</p> <p>DCYF put in one of their DP's to add more staff to do the background checks. WACF, WACHYA and CWAC signed onto a letter saying that we supported the increase in staff. We have been pushing the process side on how to undo duplication. Rep. Senn is working with the governor's office on coming up with a solution, adding in portability so that if you have staff that moves, their background check will not have to be redone. It seems that legislators are starting to understand. Jill will give an update from Luba before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Nikki and Kris volunteered to meet with Jill.</p>

*Prepared by Linda Conchi*