



WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2018 11am to 1:00pm
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 1st floor

Members Present: Nikki Brown, Katie Bass, Christy Lunceford, Cheryl Currin, Jill May, Ray Deck, Shawn Sivly, Kris Sanborn, Josh Fullington, Linda Thomas, Jen Kamel	Members on phone: Jessie Di Pardo, Kymm Dozal
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1. Membership/Recruitment (Shared time with CPA Division)	<p>Jill informed the group of her scheduled visit to Yakima 8/13/18 to meet with 4 non-member agencies. She also mentioned her visit to Spokane in July. In Spokane, she met with the current WACF members and there is a plan to go back in November for the next provider meeting and lunch afterwards. Jill and Nikki will hopefully talk with agencies including those that aren't currently members. Jill also visited our new member agency in Eastern WA, Northwest Children's Home.</p> <p>Jill stated that current members talking with non-members is an important recruitment tool. She also thinks that WACF needs to do a better job of offering more services to our members.</p> <p>Jill also mentioned that she spoke with someone at COA and WACF members will receive a discount on fees for accreditation.</p>	
2. Meeting with DLR/Jill (Shared time with CPA Division)	<p>Jill met with Luba Bezborodnikova, Assistant Secretary of Licensing who was also the head of DEL Licensing. Luba was ready to dive in and make improvements starting with the formation of a workgroup in mid- September. The goal of the workgroup is to have firm recommendations by the end of December. Luba wants to do what she can without regulation and identify what needs to be done within regulation. Jill was encouraged by their meeting. Jill</p>	

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	has sent Luba the list of the documented DLR recommendations that the CPA Division prepared.	
3. BRS Rate Study	<p>Agencies discussed some of their concerns with submitting their data including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistencies in data submitted. • Capacity – The data doesn’t account for things that affect capacity including stop placements, holds, kids with high needs that make it so that you cannot place another child there. • Having to gather the data in such a short time with limited resources. The deadline to turn in data moved from 8/15 to 8/24. • Turning in data without context/narrative. <p>The biggest concern was how the data will be interpreted.</p> <p>Jill spoke with Jenny and the message was that if there’s not good participation in the rate study it is unlikely we will see a rate increase.</p>	<p>Josh will try to capture a list of the things that aren’t adequately accounted for in the current BRS contract and might not be captured in the data. He will e-mail a narrative template that members can submit with their data. Some of the items on that list might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff cost - not current but what it should be • Respite rates • Foster parent reimbursement • Case-aid time/wage
4. BRS Program Managers meetings	Linda suggested it would be nice to have a regular meeting with providers and the BRS Program Managers, possibly quarterly.	Nikki will ask if WACF providers can be invited to the next meeting BRS Program Managers’ meeting.
5. Family First update/Jill	<p>Jill’s take away from the Family First hearing was that Ross wants a laddered payment approach. The top payment would be QRTP accredited agencies with a nursing staff. What’s still unclear is what happens to those five and under bed facilities and whether those will have to become QRTP’s. Will they be state-funded? Ross didn’t talk about the smaller facilities. Jill will continue to be adamant that WACF wants to be at the table and be a collaborative partner as they make decisions around FFA that will affect us. The Legislature wants to be out in front and implement in January 2019. There was a lot of conversation about increasing the front-end prevention work quite a bit.</p> <p>After Jill stepped away from the meeting and spoke to Jenny Heddin at 12:00, she reported that five and under group homes that are staffed, will be QRTP. Five and under group homes in a residential home, won’t be.</p>	<p>For agencies that need to become accredited, you can contact Jill because she has the information on accrediting agencies.</p>
6. Legislative agenda/updates/Brian	Nikki reviewed the BRS Legislative Agenda with the group.	If you have any changes or suggestions for the agenda, please contact Nikki: NBrown@CommunityYouthServices.Org
7. Update on work with DCYF/All	The Office of Innovation, Accountability and Alignment (OIAA)’s job is to focus on outcomes, education, resiliency and well-being. Nikki said that after one of their community meetings, Frank Ordway talked to her about resiliency and how we measure that. She thinks it’s really important that we are at the table with how they determine major outcomes with that assessment. Frank also talked about how the regions are going back to six, and may eventually need to	

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	go to eight or ten because Regions 1 and 6 are so huge. He also talked about making more flexibility in those regions, how they spend money and get approvals.	

Prepared by Linda Conchi