



**11:00 a.m. – 12:30p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2018**  
**Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes**  
**Lutheran Community Services**  
**4040 South 188<sup>th</sup> Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

<b>Members Present:</b> Katie Bass, Conner McCormick, Nikki Brown, Brian Carroll, Jill May, Mike Canfield, Josh Fullington, Karen Brady, Kris Sanborn	<b>Members on phone:</b> Linda Thomas, Nicole Mavin, Shawn, Sivly, Jessie Di Pardo, Brittany Moore, Ryan Kiely, Sara Schumacher, Heather Nancy, Jen Kamel, Kymm Dozal, Jon Rylaarsdam
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<b>1. Jill Marshal May</b>	Jill has been hired as WACF's first ever Executive Director. She was introduced to members and told about her experience with ICF International, a Capacity Building Center for the States, The Adoption Exchange, a National Resource Center for Diligent Recruitment, and her experience at the New Mexico, Children, Youth and Families Department, Protective Services Division.	
<b>2. Michael Campbell</b>	<p>Michael Campbell, the Intensive Resource Program Manager at CA came to talk to the IS Division, along with Doug Allison, Barb Putnam, Tina Burrell (DBHR), Taku Mineshita, and Jenny Heddin.</p> <p>Doug Allison explained that WISE was implemented in 2014 in Washington state by Division of Behavior Health &amp; Recovery (DBHR). Part of the requirement for WISE and BRS is to do a WISE screen on every youth, prior to making a referral to BRS. Once in BRS, a WISE screen is done every 6 months and then upon discharge. Now, CA would like to have WISE and BRS providers work together. They think that youth and families would benefit greatly. Instead of just implementing it, they'd like to do a pilot to see what the nuances and barriers might be. Once the issues are worked out they'd like to open it statewide.</p> <p>CA would like to have 4 statewide pilot sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One agency that offers treatment foster care and WISE.</li> <li>• One treatment foster care provider that does not have WISE.</li> <li>• One facility-based provider with both treatment foster care and WISE.</li> <li>• One facility-based provider that does not have WISE but is a community-based provider.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Barb asked for thoughts, curiosities and concerns. She said they'd like to start the pilot in October. Several member agencies volunteered to be part of the pilot and expressed their excitement about it.</p> <p><b>All interested agencies should e-mail Michael Campbell within the next 30 days.</b></p> <p>Tina Burrell reported that they are working towards getting to capacity with WISE, and are currently at 72% capacity. DBHR is moving over to Health Care Authority July 1<sup>st</sup> and WISE will move as well.</p> <p>In-home BRS and WISE is more complex and will need to be figured out. At this point, for the pilot, maybe it won't make sense to include in-home. The Crisis Services still needs to be figured out as well as BRS tends to have a more robust response than WISE.</p> <p>Barb also said they have a BRS/WISE small workgroup that's working on the broader issues of implementation. Once the providers are determined for the pilot, they will want to add more providers to the workgroup for input.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion on how to offer both the services of BRS and WISE without overwhelming the families. It was stressed that the families become more of a guide of how much they want to be involved and how much they want people in their home.</p> <p>Doug asked how big of a lift it would be if the Child &amp; Family Team (CFT) meetings changed from quarterly to monthly to align with the WISE monthly meetings. The feedback was that if it changed to monthly it would need to be flexible to who, and how many would be expected to participate. It was also stressed that the family would have to be the main voice in who would be at those meetings.</p> <p>Doug asked the group how many providers do peer-to-peer mentoring and would it be a benefit? The general consensus was that it would be beneficial.</p> <p>Doug talked about how CA does CFARS (Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale) upon entry, and exit and they collect data for their annual report. Diana English has been looking at the data, specifically around BRS. They're looking at doing a web portal and having providers input the data. They'd like</p>	

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	<p>to start having the CFARS done quarterly so that the data can be analyzed more readily.</p> <p><u>Jenny Heddin gave some updates:</u></p> <p>HB 2008 passed which allows CA to return BRS back into the forecasting process. The big caveat is that typically the forecasting process likes to consider rates and rate changes as separate items so you don't get to bypass legislative scrutiny on rate increases even when you have areas that are participating in a forecasted budget process. Conveniently, HB 2008 also included a requirement for CA to pull together a workgroup on BRS rates. CA already wanted to work systemically on rates across their system. CA just signed a contract with Public Consultant Group (PCG) and the first rates they will look at are BRS rates.</p> <p>Jenny would like PCG to look at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BRS has been used as a dumping ground for a lot of different types of kids and she'd like the rate structure to get a little more specific about the type of kid that's being served.</li> <li>2. There is a problem with rates. CA needs a proposal on how to fix the rates now. She'd also like PCG to consider the requirements under FFA and what it would take to come under compliance with those requirements.</li> </ol> <p>Brian expressed his disappointment that the workgroup has not been formed. He'd like CA to have a recommendation to the legislature for a rate increase based on actual cost. Jenny will put out info on convening the workgroup. She will include BRS providers.</p> <p>There will be an incentive payment to providers that are above their baseline capacity (in addition to what was already paid to facility-based and staff residential/smaller group homes of \$750). The incentive payments will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$226 per kid/month for campus facilities</li> <li>• \$75 per kid/month for staffed residential/small group homes</li> </ul> <p>CA will tell agencies their baseline based on their capacity July 2017 – Dec. 2017. Then, they'll pull the data either quarterly, or every six months, that still needs to be figured out. This is funded as a one-time only item for the fiscal year 7/1/18 – 7/1/19. In-home is not included in this incentive.</p> <p>Jenny also reported that there is funding in the capital budget. There was already money to look at renovating and leasing Pine Lodge but what actually got included in the budget was a little more expansive. They'd like to look at under-utilized state facilities to see if they make sense and to what type of populations they could serve. She said there is also a pool of money setup</p>	

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	inside the Dept. of Commerce. A grant for capital investments to increase capacity with BRS (in campus or staffed residential).	
<b>3. CA-WACF Meeting – Agenda Items?</b>		Did not get to this agenda item.
<b>4. Legislative Agenda</b>		Did not get to this agenda item.
<b>5. Frank Ordway at June 7th meeting</b>		Did not get to this agenda item.
<b>6. Volunteer Training Hours Response</b>		Did not get to this agenda item.

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