



WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2018 11am to 1:00pm
(11:00-11:30 crossover with CPA Division)
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Katie Bass, Josh Fullington, Amanda Phinney, Rose Quinby, Rosie Cullen, Linda Thomas, Jill May Paul Cavanaugh, Giddens Foundation	Members on phone: Kris Sanborn, Karen Brady, Kymm Dozal, Carla Arnold, Carly Baughn, Heather Hansen, Mikaela Chandler, Mike Canfield, Brittany Hemingway, Shawn Sivly
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1. Introduction of Rosie- Welcome-	Rosie has spent most of her career working primarily with young people that have experienced foster care and homelessness, both working in drop-in centers and as a case manager. She has worked with a lot of youth in their transition years and helped them learn to be self-sufficient. Rosie has always been driven by the idea that she could have a greater impact by working on the larger, systemic issues that were impacting young people's lives by doing more policy level and legislative work. The last two years she has worked at the Mockingbird Society helping young people with foster care experience advocate for changes in the system. Rosie is excited to work with WACF and support all the different agencies.	
2. New co-chair of IS Division is Amy-	John Hindman, the former Vice Chair of the Intensive Services has resigned and moved away. We have asked Amy Woodward from Cedar Creek Home in E. WA to take over. Amy has done a lot of work on the East side bringing providers together and working better together and we're excited to have her.	
3. Crossover Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief on conversation about Character & Suitability • Background Checks 	<u>Character & Suitability:</u> Jill, Rosie and Laurie Lippold met with Rep. Ortiz-Self on Tuesday. Laurie had asked Jill to talk about a potential solution to the Character & Suitability issue. Jill discussed the Safe Home Study Model that she implemented several years ago. The model uses standardized questions that are given to foster parents. If a family scores high, it can be mitigated to show the things the family has done to address the areas they scored high in. Jill	

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	<p>believes this model could be a solution to the Character & Suitability WAC's. This however, will not solve the issue for new hires. Rep. Ortiz-Self had a lot of questions, including Cultural Competency, using it with diverse populations. The model probably won't fit well with all populations. Jill will get back to Rep. Ortiz with answers.</p> <p>On Wednesday, Luba said they're thinking of using the Safe Home Study Model to do away with the Character & Suitability issues. A few of our members use the Safe Home Study Model and it is used statewide in over 20 states and across the county in every state in some capacity. It standardizes the process, there's regimented check-ins with your supervisor so you're hearing about issues the moment it comes up in an interview. The mitigation piece is a big piece. Families are rated on history, character, parenting knowledge & experience, couple relationship, and extended family.</p> <p><u>Background Checks</u>: Jessie DiPardo setup a meeting in Olympia on Monday regarding background checks. The meeting is at 10:00 a.m. at OB-2, 3rd floor, Mt. Hood Room.</p> <p>Jill asked the group if anyone has seen any improvements. The consensus was that there has been no improvement, or slight improvement in staff background checks.</p>	<p>Jill will request a call-in option and will send out the information to members.</p>
<p>4. Debrief rate study phone call from Oct. 25 and date for next meeting</p>	<p>The study is complex because each agency has different positions so they don't match from agency to agency. Member agencies voiced their concerns. A couple of things that weren't discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost to maintain foster homes and licensing • The amount of time investigations take <p>PCG will host meetings on Nov. 6, in E. WA and Nov. 7, in W. WA. They will be presenting their rate models.</p>	
<p>5. Discussion regarding meeting on Nov. 5th kids out of state.</p>	<p>All BRS providers have been invited to the meeting on Monday, Nov. 5th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Jill would like good attendance and collaboration and asked that rate discussions do not come up at this meeting. It would be great to have a discussion on how we think this issue can be resolved and what we need. There was a lot of discussion about how to best support kids out of state. One suggestion that came up was Attachment-based Group Care.</p>	<p>Jill will ask to see if she can get the profiles of the youth from Steve.</p>
<p>6. Legislative updates-</p>	<p>There were no legislative updates. WACF will support implementation of the results of the Rate Study and financial support for accreditation. Jill is still looking for someone to carry the CPA rate increase.</p>	