



**WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes
 September 6, 2018 11am to 1:00pm
 Lutheran Community Services
 4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 1st floor**

Members Present: Nikki Brown, Amanda Phinney, Katie Bass, Jessie DiPardo, Brian Carroll, Ray Deck, Christy Lunceford, Jeff Clare, Josh Fullington, Rose Quinby, Linda Thomas, Kristen Zinsky, Kris Sanborn, Mike Canfield, Jill May	Members on phone: Shawn Sivly, Chris Patterson, Amber McPhee Millard
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1. Crossover with IS Division The Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence	<p>Michael Tyers from the Alliance came to talk to the group about their new online trainings and other trainings offered. His job is to run a statewide system of providing quality caregiver training. They are moving away from sending out fliers and asking people to go to their website to sign up for quarterly trainings. You can sign up here: https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001pnH6gB4vXTd9LR_IvwO2c0aDfAhTSqqloAaFoabcgU7hAS149FMHd4PQmwc9mV7MwEFdZbyKj8GPvLB-E0K-eK48L-ghLPZhEUqCA4x7ipPnW4rvH1PhUri6p6pycpnK8rhE0DahjlWuyzKBIbcxbz8gcBnoTUUX</p> <p>The Alliance was in the process of convening a workgroup to consider curriculum changes to their classroom CCT when HB 2256 passed. They were then tasked to create an online CCT training. The online training launched last weekend. It's the same curriculum but different activities. When someone signs up for online CCT there are 8 sessions to be completed, they have to complete their field experience, and a coaching session. In the coaching session they are referred to a local licenser. Michael said that they'd be happy to add private providers, by region, to their referral list.</p> <p>About 2,400 people/year go through CCT training.</p>	

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	<p>The Train the Trainer will likely be a classroom training instead of an online training. Michael stated that in the future, hopefully CPA's will be able to collaborate with the Alliance on doing their own coaching. Currently, the Alliance is using a UC Davis coaching model that is adapted from what their workforce uses in supporting social workers statewide. The Alliance will be ready to convene a workgroup to update CCT curriculum starting in January and probably lasting through June. They would like 1-2 representatives from CPA's to be part of that workgroup.</p> <p>Michael had received some questions from WACF members about the Train the Trainer CCT. His response was that the course will likely be ready in the Nov/Dec/Jan timeframe. The course will likely be 1½ - 2-days. If agencies want to do their own training using the Alliance's Train the Trainer course, it would need to be hi fidelity and give the Alliance credit for it. Agencies can add to the course but would need to carefully follow the curriculum.</p>	
<p>2. Michael Campbell & Doug Allison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRS Rate Study • Family First/update, Q/A 	<p><u>BRS Rate Study</u> - The deadline to turn in financial information was last week and there is still some information outstanding. Michael encouraged people to submit their information so they will have a more comprehensive study. They asked PCG to also factor in FFA and what that means to meet those requirements as well. The report is due to the Legislature Nov. 30th. It may be late due to the complexity of BRS. There is a DP drafted that is just a placeholder until the report is complete.</p> <p>Brian asked for clarification on a letter BRS providers received about FFA and a rate of \$12K for providers that meet certain requirements. He wondered why the letter went out while the BRS Rate Study is going on. Doug responded that the amendment to the contract, that would be signed by agencies meeting the requirements, states that the \$12K is temporary. It would be an interim rate until the Rate Study is complete. The language of the one-page attachment also states that "if you meet these parts now, and you can meet the accreditation part by Oct 1, 2019," you can receive that rate. Michael said that if you have a site visit already scheduled and you've already submitted application and are on track to becoming accredited, you can receive that rate. This is for QRTP's only, there won't be any rate increases for therapeutic foster care until after the Rate Study is complete.</p> <p><u>FFA</u> - Doug stated that the FFA requirements to be a QRTP, only applies to facility-based programs, it does not apply to treatment foster care programs or foster homes. Based on FFA, if you don't meet the definition of a family foster home, which means that there's a licensed foster parent that resides there, you're a child care institution. So far, it doesn't matter what you're licensed for, or what your capacity is, "if you're not a foster home, you're a child care institution and must meet the QRTP</p>	

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	<p>requirements.” Doug said they were hoping there would be a distinction on license capacity but so far that is not the case. He said he has asked for answers and guidance and was told they’d receive formal guidance in October, which he feels is too late. He says he’s with us with frustrations and concern on what some of this stuff means.</p> <p>Jill mentioned that DCYF has offered support to agencies that need to become accredited and asked if they have had conversations about that. Doug said lots of conversations. His concern is that they need to identify the funding to do it and the mechanism to make it work. They haven’t yet identified funds to do it.</p> <p>Some of the questions Nikki sent in to Doug prior to the meeting, he still doesn’t have answers to. For example, if providers don’t want to become a QRTP, can they still work with the dept?</p> <p>Michael stated that Washington is the 2nd lowest state in the country for percentage of congregate care, at 4.8%. Doug said he understands the intent of FFA but thinks WA should be given some kind of levity or bonus for being well below the national average for congregate care. The majority of programs in WA are small group homes and staffed residential homes. Michael and Doug both worry that FFA might have the opposite affect of what they’re intending to do and there may be unintended consequences.</p> <p>The current number of kids out-of-state is 79. Doug said they have been tasked with bringing kids back into state. He is working on a plan to present to Ross on how to accomplish that in the next year.</p>	
<p>3. Jill May, update DLR meeting with Luba</p>		<p>We did not cover this agenda item.</p>
<p>4. Jill May, update meeting with Steven Grilli, Director of Child Welfare, DCYF</p>		<p>We did not cover this agenda item.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.</p>

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