



11:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2017
Agenda, Intensive Services Division Meeting
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor

<p>Members Present: April Stallings, Brian Carroll, Carol Almero, Dave Kucklick, Ellie Carrithers, Heather Hanson, Jen Kamel, Josh Fullerton, Katie Bass, Kris Sanborn, Kymm Dozal, Linda Thomas, Nikki Brown, Sara Schumacher, Shawn Sivly</p>	<p>Members Absent: Andrew Hill, Chuck Cole, DeAnn Adams, Erin Hathaway, Jeff Judy, Jenn Ryan, Jessie DiPardo, Julie Robinson, Michael Yu, Mark Fullington, Mary Johnson, Megan Kelly, Nancy Nicholas, Nichole Southard, Rachel Stewar-MacTavish, Rhianna Brill, Rod Johnson, Roger Iino, Ryan Kiely, Shelly Hahn, Terry Pottmeyer, Tom Rembiesa</p>
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<p>1. Continuum of Care Letter</p>	<p>A letter was sent to Jennifer Strus regarding the continuum. A meeting between WACF executive committee and Children’s Administration to discuss the continuum is being scheduled. The issue of in-home providers not being included in the focus groups and within the report is concerning.</p>	
<p>2. FCFC Up-Date</p>	<p>Members of the FCFC consortium met with Children’s Administration staff including Jennifer Strus. Children’s Administration seems excited and positive about the collaboration and the possible impact on foster care.</p>	
<p>3. Ombuds’ Report on Group Care</p>	<p>The report is a result of interviews with children and youth who were residing in facility based care at the time of the interview. The report highlights some important things: the desire for more contact with siblings, the desire for more normative experiences, the desire for a consistent DCFS Case Worker with regular contact, that bullying that occurs within facilities, and that gay, lesbian and transsexual children and youth do not feel consistently safe and supported. The group discussed the need to address some of these needs across the spectrum of providers – particularly bullying and the treatment of sexual minorities. It was also suggested that the use of Skype might help with communication between CA workers and the children and youth. It was pointed out the CCYJ as a curriculum that can help with working with sexual minority children and youth – Safe and Affirming Care.</p>	<p>There was a desire to have the Ombudsman’s office come to a meeting to talk about this report and other services that they offer that providers should be aware of. The group will bring anti-bullying resources to share with members. Empathy development curriculums may also be helpful. The group also agreed to bring forward resources to help with supporting sexual minority children and youth.</p>

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4. Eastside Intensive Service Providers	There are several providers on the eastside of the state that are interested in joining WACF – Breakthrough, Inc., Morning Star, and Helping Hands. Brian and Karen are attempting to find some time to meet with the full eastside group to talk about WACF and membership.	
5. BRS requirements regarding cleared staff and ratios	Chris Patterson from Breakthrough, Inc. met with Ruth Kagi who stated that the WAC and RCW's do not support the practice outlined by Michael Campbell in his recent email. According to Michael Campbell, this is a result of the federal review of several facilities. Children's Administration is working the Attorney General's office to see if there is a solution. The impact on facility based providers will be significant if it moves forward. In a related area, Amara met with Jennifer Strus and other Children's Administration staff regarding the new requirements for volunteers. Jennifer was supportive and is committed to following up.	
6. Legislative Up-Date		
7. Public Policy and Legislative Agenda for next year	A form was provided to each agency to identify their top three issues for the coming year. The intent is to collect these, find common areas of interest as well as new ideas and then have a strategic planning session to develop the administrative and legislative focuses for the coming year.	Each agency should complete the form and bring it to the next division meeting for discussion and sharing