



**WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2019 - 11am to 1:00pm
Teleconference**

Members Present:	Members on phone: Nikki Brown, Linda Thomas, Katie Bass, Kymm Dozal, Kris Sanborn, Alice Casson, Jeff Clare, Heather Hansen, Ray Deck, Jon Rylaarsdam, Josh Fullington, Danielle Hofstetter
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. 11:00-11:30 crossover with CPA - Update and progress with Luba and DLR/collaboration with WACHYA	The meetings are continuing to happen and the WACHYA group has taken the lead and wants to help streamline the background check processes. Jeff explained that the continued issues with background checks, especially in Region 4, was discussed at length during the CPA meeting earlier this morning. Jeff will add it to the agenda for the meeting with DLR next month.	
2. Transitioning youth - How can we transition youth, build capacity and fill gaps among agencies in collaboration with BRS gatekeepers	<p>We'd like to brainstorm a solution/plan to share with DCYF. This is a tricky topic because often times BRS managers and social workers have frowned upon providers talking without their involvement.</p> <p>When kids are coming into our programs or leaving our programs, sometimes we miss the connection of handing them off or retrieving them. One suggestion, maybe when those referrals come out, if we're the agency that has the youth, we could reach out to other agencies to see if anyone wants more info. We could do a conference call and let them know what's going on and what a good home would look like for the youth.</p>	
3. Legislative Testimony	Consistent pay rate is important for services in addition to making the process easier for DCYF staff to place youth. It takes out the "negotiation."	Jill was not able to talk on this topic because she was in Olympia.

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<p>4. Legislative session 2020</p>	<p>We need to start thinking of what our goals will be for our next session. Ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance based contracting 2. Accreditation process for foster care providers (push a best practice standard and look at how we can support our therapeutic foster care providers) 	
<p>5. Update on meeting with BRS manager.</p>	<p>Nikki has requested that WACF BRS providers be able to participate in the BRS Program Manager monthly meetings that are taking place each month. Michael has set it up so our members can participate by phone. The meetings are the 4th Tues. of each month. The next one will be on March 26th and the tentative call-in time will be 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Michael will send out an invitation when it gets closer.</p>

Prepared by Linda Conchi