



WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes
January 3rd 11:30am 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: Kymm Dozal, Nikki Brown, Christy Lunceford, Katie Bass, Karen Brady, Jen Kamel, Josh Fullington, Jill May, Rosie Cullen, Zenia Brar, Shawn Sivly, Rhiannon Brill, Linda Thomas, Jeff Clare	Members on phone: Trevor Melby, Amanda Phinney, Brian Carroll, Mary Johnson-Schroeder, Heather Hansen, Troy Schuldheiss
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1. Crossover with CPA Group 11:00-11:30	<p>The Governor's proposed budget came out and includes the BRS rate increase. We're still waiting for the final results of the BRS Rate Study. Jenny Heddin reports that the study is done but they are making some adjustments.</p> <p>Jenny and Frank will be meeting with a small group from WACF to make sure their talking points are the same as WACF's and to create a communication plan during the session.</p> <p>Rosie will do an overview of the legislative session at the Jan. 15, membership meeting. She sent out a survey to members asking what information would be helpful to you.</p>	<p>If you plan on being at that meeting and you have specific things you'd like to know about, please complete the survey she sent out.</p>
2. BRS updates - General 11:30-12:00	<p>Jill and a few members met with DCYF about starting a BRS Advisory Group. There will be an application process. Topics will be determined by the group.</p> <p>Connie Lambert-Eckel is leaving her position so there will be a new Assistant Secretary of Field Operations.</p>	

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	<p>The next follow up meeting with the background check people is Friday, January 11. Some different groups that service youth (not necessarily CPA/BRS) will be there as well. DLR continues to work on systemic problems and Jill continues to reiterate that we are not seeing things getting better.</p> <p>Karen with Ryther, offered assistance to anyone that is going through the accreditation process. If you want examples of policies or you want to know how they setup QI, Karen is happy to share. Linda Thomas can also offer support with accreditation through CARF.</p>	<p>If you'd like any assistance, feel free to call or e-mail Karen at: karenb@ryther.org.</p>
<p>3. Doug Allison and Michael Campbell update on Family First 12:00-1:00</p>	<p>All but two agencies have applied and started the process of accreditation.</p> <p>Doug stated that the way they're interpreting the definition of FFA Nursing is: Nursing consultation availability 24/7 (having them on-call for consultation), not having a nurse on campus 24/7. They've had discussions with Coordinated Care who have a 24 hr. nursing hotline. They are working with them to set it up so that agencies can have the same access as foster parents to the 24 hr. nurse hotline. They will need to get agency information (facility names) in their system so that they can discuss medical issues about a youth with that agency's employees.</p> <p>Doug reported that they're having conversations with the Ballmer Group who have stated that they'll provide financial support for accreditation and reimbursement for some of the money that has already been expended.</p> <p>Capacity Building Grant – After the last legislative session there was \$2M given to Commerce. It was grant money for increasing BRS facility-based programs. The money wasn't for purchasing new property. It was for updating or remodeling a structure to increase bed capacity. All funds were allocated. The mandate was for a minimum of 24 beds and they were able to increase capacity by 37-39 beds. A decision package went forward to add another 24 beds. Some of the terms of the funds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce does not allocate the money until after construction is done • If selected for the grant money, you are committed to using the beds for the stated purpose for 5 yrs. • They expect agencies receiving the grant money to contribute financially as well <p>It was suggested that a statewide meeting with Regional BRS Program Managers and BRS providers is needed on a regular basis. Quarterly meetings are already occurring in some areas of WA. Doug recommended that Michael add a conference line to his monthly meeting with the regional program</p>	<p>If there's a conflict where two regions are giving different information, call Michael for assistance.</p>

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	<p>managers. Michael said that setting up a quarterly in-person meeting would be helpful as well.</p> <p>Readiness Rate Increase - An e-mail went out to facility-based programs about QRTP Readiness. It included a sheet that asks if you meet certain requirements and if you're accredited or will be by Oct. 1, 2019. When Michael receives the sheet from you, he will ask what is your trauma-informed model, what is your 24/7 availability of clinical/medical consultation, what is your site date? Once he gets that info, he sends it with the sheet to the region where your contract is and lets them, and the contracts manager know that you're approved for receiving the amendment. Then the region then has to request the amendment.</p> <p>There will be an e-mail coming out from Michael explaining a contract amendment and it will include a draft of the amendment. DCYF will be paying incentive payments that were built into the budget last legislative session. There will be a hyperlink in the amendment so you can read it: ESSB 6032, p. 236, line 32. It provides proviso funds for DCYF to pay incentive payments for increased utilization. DCYF requested a baseline of utilization for all BRS contracted providers the last six months of last year. The allocations will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus-based facility providers will get \$226/month/youth that were above that baseline • Group home and staffed residential homes will get \$75/month/youth that were above that baseline • Treatment foster homes will get \$200/month/youth that were above that baseline <p>If you are one of the agencies receiving incentive payments, sign the amendment once you get it from contracts and you can receive the check.</p> <p>\$25M in the proposed Governor's budget to support the BRS rate study.</p>	

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