



**WACF Intensive Services Division Minutes
 June 6, 2019 11am to 1:00pm
 Lutheran Community Services
 4040 South 188th Street, SeaTac WA 98188, 3rd Floor**

Present: Jill May, Nikki Brown, Christy Lunceford, Jen Kamel, Amanda Phinney, Zenia Brar, Kris Sanborn, Shawn Sivly, Karen Brady, Mary Schroeder, Dave Hanson, Jeff Clare, Jennifer Hopson, Jessica Weston, Harold Wright, Alana Crawford, Joanne Stimson, Andrea Estes	Members on phone: Cori Peck, Heather Hansen, Kymm Dozal, Tae Peunemany, Linda Thomas, Jon Rylaarsdam, Katie Bass
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<p>1. Crossover with CPA 11:00-11:30</p> <p>Division Task Force –Why? Values? What keeps you?</p>	<p>At a Board strategic planning meeting a couple of months ago, one of the things that came out of the meeting was a task force that would look at the work of the divisions. A couple of the things they are focusing on are why there are divisions, the values of the divisions, and what keeps members coming back to the division meetings. Here are some of the things they came up with:</p> <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships • Collaboration • Advocacy • Feeling of being part of group • More opportunity for member to “be at the table” • More member=more voices=more powerful • Being a part of a group that DCYF values. • DCYF endorses support for our membership • WACF is influential in Public Policy <p>Nikki asked for additional ideas from the group. Some items mentioned were: Creating a vision, moving towards something and learning from each other.</p>	<p>Add to next month’s crossover: How are we tracking demographics? What does our staff look like, how diverse is it?</p>

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	<p>What keeps you coming to the IS Division meetings? The answers to this question overlapped with list of values.</p> <p>Why Divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To determine if your agency was a fit for the WACF • To learn from other agencies doing like work • Information sharing • Within each division to work with different “players” • Advocacy together (as one) • We are primary for developing Legislative Advocacy agenda’s 	
<p>2. Welcome new member Sunrise Outreach Center</p>	<p>Dave Hanson with Sunrise Outreach Center in Yakima attended his first meeting and spoke a little bit about his agency. He started an outreach program at Vineyard Church about 12 years ago. After realizing the need was much bigger, they started an independent outreach called Sunrise that everyone in the community could participate in. They were primarily interested in feeding families and housing homeless but realized in the effort that the provision of basic services wasn’t enough. They started focusing on prevention. They have partnerships with the school system in Yakima. They have five food banks across the county and a homeless shelter that houses between 80 and 150 a night. They’re working on very aggressive case-managed housing solutions for them. Their staffed residential BRS program has 3 homes with a capacity of 13 youth.</p>	
<p>3. How do we work together and find planned placements?</p>	<p>There was a lot of discussion about how members would like to work together with placements but one of the barriers is challenging the BRS managers’ authority. We have a continuum but it’s not functioning like a continuum.</p> <p>How will DCYF deal with BRS and WISE (In-home BRS and WISE and BRS foster care)?</p> <p>There will be a WISE Symposium in July 17,18 in Kennewick, WA.</p>	<p>One suggestion was to look at Louisiana’s kinship program. Casey Family Programs is working with them.</p> <p>Jill will work with DCYF on a continuum of care plan. Nikki, Kris, and Amanda will work with Jill.</p> <p>Add WISE to next month’s agenda.</p>
<p>4. Legislative and administrative agenda discussion / ideas</p>	<p>Nikki distributed the 2019 Legislative and Administrative Priorities to review. Some of the ideas for next year’s agenda could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to track loss of resources by BRS foster care services because of not being fully funded • staff clearances • Continue to focus efforts toward the development of a full continuum of interventions for BRS eligible youth including formalizing the ‘in-home’ service option both for prevention of placements and for family/kinship reunification efforts following out of home placement • Continuum of care planned placements 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing requirements, locking of medications (WAC's that aren't conducive to letting kids be kids) • Centralize standards – Standards held in so many places (contracts/BRS/WACs/DLR/Accreditation) – create a small task force to look at all of the different standards 	Nikki will bring back ideas to next month's Intensive Services Division meeting to finalize an agenda for 2020.
5. Contract and Rate update	<p><u>Contract and Rate Study Meetings:</u> Tuesday, June 11th 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Spokane Thursday, June 13th 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Kent</p> <p>Top concerns with contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% acceptance rate – kids lingering in care • Take visitation out of BRS and let BRS bill for visitation when we're doing it <p>Depending on how the contract and rate study meetings go, the group will consider meeting on June 17th at 1:00 at Lutheran Community Services Northwest.</p>	Jill will clarify when contract and rates go into effect (July 1 st or October 1 st)

Prepared by Linda Conchi