



**WACF Intensive Services Division Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2019 11am to 1:00pm**  
**(Crossover with CPA from 11am-12pm)**  
**Ryther - 2400 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115**

<p><b>Members Present:</b> Nikki Brown, Kris Sanborn, Katie Bass, Mark Fullington, Zenia Brar, Josh Fullington, Anna Thompson, Jeff Clare  <b>Guest:</b> Melanie Meyer, DCYF</p>	<p><b>Members on phone:</b> Shawn Sivly, Mikaela Chandler, Wes Patterson, Jon Rylaarsdam, Mary Johnson-Schroeder, Trevor Melby  <b>Guest:</b> Julie Pettit, DCYF</p>
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<p><b>1. 11-12 Crossover</b>  <b>DCYF, Adoptions staff</b></p>	<p>Last summer Jill travelled to Washington DC with a group from DCYF to a meeting about getting older youth and youth that are harder to place adopted. The group from Washington state has been working on a plan to start moving these kids.</p> <p>Melanie reported that DCYF currently has a Permanency Grant and other funds as resources and support to adoptive families. If you have a child that needs a specific EBP to help them work with their family that wants to adopt them, DCYF can pay for some services early and post adoption services.</p> <p><u>2017 Legislative Match Guidelines – If kids are adopted at the following ages:</u>            0-4 yrs. old: 80% (Max negotiation for adoption support % of foster care costs)            5-9 yrs. old: 90%            10+ yrs. old: 95%</p> <p>Federal rate for adoption out of foster care: 42.6% of IV-E match, plus the above percentage depending on age of adoption. Adoption support through 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or as long as they're in full-time high school. A child who's adopted at the age of 16 yrs., can get adoption support through college. Or, if they're in a barrier program or working 80 hrs./month they can get support through 21 yrs. old.</p> <p>Melanie and Julie asked: <b>How can DCYF help CPA's and BRS providers</b></p>	

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	<p><b>with permanency? How would you want it messaged? (Trainings, info sessions, pamphlets?)</b></p> <p>Some barriers and ideas were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social worker turnover/retention – when that happens it leaves kids feeling hopeless</li> <li>• Attorney training – What it means when a child is adopted, what permanency looks like</li> <li>• Kid oriented – what your options are</li> <li>• Having kid be able to talk to kids that have been through it</li> <li>• Make sure there’s a family lined up to take the kid before training them on their options</li> <li>• Partner with providers to place child with family (relative search) how can provider and social worker work together?</li> </ul> <p>The group thought it would be a great idea to create a Myth Buster flier.</p>	<p>Next steps: Melanie and Julie will create a flier. If you have input, contact them at:</p> <p><a href="mailto:Melanie.meyer@dcyf.wa.org">Melanie.meyer@dcyf.wa.org</a>  <a href="mailto:julie.pettit@dcyf.wa.org">julie.pettit@dcyf.wa.org</a></p>
<p><b>2. 12:00-12:30 Jill call in with updates</b></p>	<p>Jill met with Doug Allison last week. He doesn’t think the crosswalk of accreditation, contract and WAC requirements is necessary. However, Luba does want to do it. Luba will setup a meeting to have that conversation with Doug. Jill also spoke to Doug about the Independent Living contracts. They will be put out for RFP and are in the process of being reworked. He is willing to meet with IL contractors.</p> <p>The BRS Handbook states that the BRS caseload is 1 to 8, regardless of the mix. If there’s only 1 BRS youth, there can only be 7 CPA youth. The group discussed what they think makes more sense.</p>	<p>The group thinks 3 CPA kids should equal 1 BRS kid. Jill will schedule a meeting to talk to Frank Ordway.</p>
<p><b>3. Concerns/challenges with Family First?</b></p>	<p>Challenges/Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease in referrals (possibly due to backlogs with courts deciding on placement?)</li> <li>• Case-worker engagement regularly</li> <li>• Providers feeling like the dept. expects more from providers after the rate increase</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Contracts vs. Accreditation, what are agencies having audited multiple times?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental risk assessment from accrediting body on youth coming into care contradicts the 90% acceptance rule</li> <li>• Quarterly LD spot check audits feel a lot like comprehensive reviews</li> <li>• Recent audit with Licensing Division, Contracts and BRS all there, seemed like a lot of confusion between the three entities.</li> </ul>	