



Washington Association
for Children & Families

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

Members Present: Nikki Brown, Katie Bass, Ray Deck III, Kris Sanborn, Linda Thomas, Joanne Stimson, Michael Yu,	Members on phone: Kymm Dozal, Mary Johnson, Brian Carroll, Carol Almero, Sara Schumacher, Dave Kucklick, Chris Patterson, Penny Neecroft
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
1. Foster Care Innovation Lab	Shannon Mead came to speak to the group on the Foster Innovation Lab. The lab is run completely by four volunteers, all current, or former foster parents. Shannon's presentation was on data they've collected over the last six months from a pool of foster parents. Their goal is to inspire positive change within foster care by creating a culture of innovation, creativity, and shared learning. For more information, visit their website: http://www.fosterinnovationlab.com/	
2. Legislative Updates	Linda Thomas, along with some other WACF members attended Ruth Kagi's Reinventing Foster Care meeting recently. Linda suggested that there needs to be some follow up and WACF should do a position paper in support of the Reinventing Foster Care legislation. For a complete look at the Reinventing Foster Care budget plan go to: http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tmp/2017/02/Reinventing-Foster-Care-Budget-Plan.pdf	
3. BRS requirements regarding staffing ratios and clearance	Chris Patterson talked with Chris Parvin about his concerns and questions on how providers are being held at a much higher standard for clearance. He was told that social workers don't have to be finger printed. Chris has also contacted private agencies that do finger prints for private contractors and he was told they could guarantee an FBI fingerprint in 72 hrs., and a county by county search. He has put them in touch with Headquarters but he's not sure Headquarters is willing to relinquish that role. He did say that it does seem to be moving a little faster with provisional clearances.	
4. Continuum of Care updates		

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<p>5. Trauma Informed Care resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kris Sanborn said that YMCA will be doing substantial work in the area of trauma informed care over the next 3 years and he would be happy to share what they're doing and what resources they identify. Kris also recommended Dan Siegel books and workbooks • Michael Yu mentioned a National Training Initiative (NTI) web based training with a trauma piece in it. • Katie Bass recommended two books: <u>Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control</u> <u>No Talk Therapy</u> 	

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