

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Washington Association for Children and Families
Executive Board Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 2, 2014 10am-12pm
Lutheran Community Services
4040 South 188th St. SeaTac, WA 98188
Small Conference Room - 3rd floor**

Attendees: Greg Dootson, Kimberly Zacher, Jeff Clare, Rod Johnson, Erin Larson, Erika Olson.

Minutes of the previous Exec meeting approved

Financial report: \$25,597.91 in bank account. Recent payables were to the lawyer and to Erika. The IRS filing is done. Kim reminded the group that there are reporting changes based on revenues over \$50K. At this year's renewal, \$35K in dues was collected. This needs to be tracked and discussed again in the spring.

Legislative: At the previous association meeting, Charles had handed out his one-page info sheet on the CRC issues. That is being revised. Charlotte has had a chance to edit it. Brian circulated the letter to Gov. Inslee and that was approved with some edits to include more people in the cc: and also to note the FRS and CRC attachments, which are both being finalized. Regarding the move to Commerce, some members were unsure, most were generally positive. Greg signed the letters. **Erika** will get final copies from Charlotte and Charles and get to Brian. **Erika** also to ask Brian &/or Jim T about Jim T's pre-written letters to respond to budget if needed.

Action items from October 20 CA-WACF meeting

Jennifer was to forward FAR stats to date – **Greg** will email her.

Re: the next quarterly meeting, it will fall during the session, so we need to wait on scheduling. Learned Randy is retiring – the Exec Committee will sign a card and give a \$100 McMinnimans gift card. Erika to get the card to bring to the next meeting.

Still no word on the Extended Foster Care workgroup.

We need further discussion re FAR cases being referred. Kim described specifics from Pierce County. The anecdotal information so far in Pierce is that significant abuse cases are coming to the Medicaid clinic – kids who don't qualify for mental health services. The numbers are overwhelming in general with 300 new Medicaid kids in the last two months. Staff are making CPS referrals and not getting response from CA. If this is happening in other areas, Kim wants to

compile more regional information. There has been staff turnover with FAR in Lynnwood and it seems that services are clearly being pushed back out in the community. Don't know where they are referring. FAR caseloads are supposed to be down. CA is pleased so far and Stephanie and Jennifer feel very positive about how it's going. CA needs to hear from non-contracted organizations with feedback. Kim will draft some questions for the next association meeting to help collect information.

Association meeting December 16 agenda items

- FAR feedback
- Data Security training, feedback and follow up (request for workgroup)
- Legislative update
- Spring event: updated survey results; include new idea from Greg, Dr. Donna Beegle/Poverty; Greg will follow up before the meeting.

New Year's cards and member survey

Erika will create holiday cards and prep for e-delivery to the full association. Some printed cards can be mailed to legislators. Will need an estimated number and the mailing list from Brian/Seth. Erika will also create a very simple member survey including a place to indicate interest in the Executive Committee, and an impact report summarizing association activities/accomplishments during the past year. Erika also asked for approval to create new website pages for each division and for our legislative efforts. Content and activity are growing so it makes sense to add dedicated space. Erika will get a bid from Ron if she is not able to build the pages herself. We want to keep encouraging members and partners to keep sharing resources.

Events survey results: so far Systems Change is the most popular topic but we need more replies. Erika will re-send the survey link with the meeting reminder. Early June seems most likely timing for the event.

Division reports

CPA, Jeff: great timing to have Doug Allison attend the last meeting. April Potts was on the phone. New language is in the works now with contracts. They will return in January. Key topics are visitation and qualifications for hire. CPA Division meets on the 1st Thursday of the month but the January meeting will be the 8th.

The attorney is working now on the language regarding RAP sheets and liability.

The data security training after the last association meeting was valuable. It was clear that Dan couldn't answer many questions based on contract language but rather what is should say/more practical. The contract as written raises the bar above even HIPPA standards. Jeff

recapped the discussion for April and requested a workgroup be formed. Dan is open to participating in that and he emailed April as well. We need much more clarity.

FPSS, Charlotte – not present but it's expected we will get an update from her about her conversation with Tim and the event happening in Tacoma this week. Some discussions of CA caseloads, which are, now up above 35 again. CA is focusing on its own staff restoration. The SafeCare TOT webinar is on.

BRS, Rod: now set with recurring meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month, with space at LCS.

Next Meetings: Exec Jan. 6 by phone, Association Tues Dec 16

Adjourn