

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday, January 6, 2015 10am-12pm BY PHONE

**Attendees:** Charlotte Booth, Brian Carroll, Jeff Clare, Greg Dootson, Erin Larson, Erika Olson.

**Minutes** of the previous Exec meeting approved for posting

**Greg:** Randy's retirement party was on Saturday; he passes on his thanks for the gift. Greg emailed Jennifer regarding FAR and also to get possible dates for the next CA-WACF meeting.

**Kim, Financial report:** *Kim not attending* Erika reports known upcoming expenses for Ron, who added some pages to the WACF website.

**Brian, Legislative:** Information has been added to the Legislative page on the website; encourage everyone to use: <http://www.wachildrenandfamilies.org/legislative/>  
Brian has meetings in Olympia on the 19<sup>th</sup> to talk about getting rate restoration into the budget. Jeff is also meeting with Sen. Dammeier on the 19<sup>th</sup>. He is on Ways & Means and has been very receptive. Josh Hinman also coming to the meeting. Brian and Seth are focusing their time on the key chair people. Agencies need to and should be able to contact their reps. The contact lists are on the website. Greg agrees we need to push information out and ask members to do some legwork. Charlotte suggests a regular agenda item perhaps starting in March at full association meetings so members can share what they have done. Budget fight may go on until June – there is time to do this work for several months.

No official summary document yet. Brian wants to consult with Charlotte. Laurie Lippold put out a document regarding the budget; it included all three divisions. It is a bit confusing regarding FRS. Charlotte emailed the CA to clarify regarding money being shifted to the courts, as it does not seem to be adding up. Jenny is out of town.

To recap the process: CA submits their documents; the governor submits a budget; then negotiations begin within House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means; they each come out with budgets and then have to come to agreement. Last few years, it's been behind closed doors. It will be important to advocate to get into the Senate budget.

Elections

General discussion about who would be willing to take on a second term or perhaps a special one-year term so that the entire Exec group does not turn over. Erin: willing to keep Secretary to become Treasurer. Rod & Greg: can't continue. Jeff & Charlotte: not as chair, but active in the division (unless there are no candidates; would keep if needed.) Brian: could take over as Pres. if dropped legislative responsibilities or would stay on as VP and keep legislative.

Discussion of staff support at division level. Chairs spend most of their time building agendas, getting notices out, getting RSVPs etc. Members rotate who takes notes at CPA meetings. Continue this discussion at the next Exec meeting.

Charlotte is asking about interest at her meeting on Thursday. Division chairs are supposed to be elected annually. One year terms, not two.

The bylaws need to address staggered terms so we don't have this issue again. Propose President & Treasurer up one year, VP and Secretary the next year. Greg will draft and share at the association meeting, with a call for people to start considering.

#### **Agenda items for next association meeting**

- Standing items
- Elections & bylaws
- Legislative
- Any CA updates if received from Jennifer
- Event update: maybe ask Tom to follow up with WA Nonprofits if no word back from them
- Impact report (if time at end) and survey: ideally, fill in some of the blanks on the survey and give an open comment box at the end. Erika will bring paper copies of the report.
- If time: Regional updates – relationships with DLR, CA, etc.

#### **Division reports**

**Jeff, CPA:** a few items in limbo

- Doug at meeting on Thursday (unconfirmed)
- Statement from attorney; should have this week
- No word from April at CA regarding the Data workgroup
- No word regarding extended foster care workgroup

Discussion regarding the new WACs letter that went out (effective the 11<sup>th</sup>). The flu shot requirement (for everyone in the house if licensed for age 2 and younger) was added after the

WACs were vetted. Don't know when or why it wasn't on the draft. Many parents were upset and say they are not doing it. Darcy's work phone number was given out on a Facebook page for parents to call with their concerns. Greg suggests we follow this up with CA – we appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback but how did this come about. Also, regions are getting different deadlines for compliance. Probably Darcy best person to contact since Randy R. was the key contact (now retired). Once WACs have been approved, getting a change made is a legislative issue. This is on the agenda for the CPA meeting on Thursday.

**Charlotte, FPSS:** SafeCare Training of Trainers is back on track. Brian, Charlotte and Jim T. will meet with the prospective donors (\$20,000). Jenny Greenlee has been key to getting this re-started with CA. She clearly stated that CA should be paying for training; they will also pay for ongoing QA.

Call concluded 11:10AM.