

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## Washington Association for Children and Families Executive Board Committee Minutes Tuesday, May 5, 2015 10am-12pm BY PHONE

**Attendees:** Charlotte Booth, Jeff Clare, Greg Dootson, Erin Larson, Rod Johnson, Kim Zacher, Linda Conchi

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

**Legislative:** Most all the lobbying for everything except what's in the budget has stopped. Brian and Charlotte have continued to talk to the budget committee special negotiating group (the key people from Seth's list) asking them to keep the things in the budget that they already did right, like the Family Reconciliation Services. They are also trying to get them to concur with the house version of the budget when it comes to BRS.

We don't know if any of the other members are lobbying. It was suggested that next year we may need to get members more training to get them familiar with lobbying. It might be helpful to have people tag along with Seth or Mary Fisher. Training should be added to the annual agenda for next year.

**Financial Report:** Kim reported that there's \$15,300 in the bank with a couple of outstanding expenses for admin staff and Charlotte's conference call. She projects the end-of-year balance to be approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000 in reserves. Kim will need to meet with Jessie to transition the bank account and train Jessie on Quickbooks and sending out invoices to members. Linda will also cross train as a backup.

**New Executive Board members:** The slate was unanimously approved for president and treasurer. The new president taking office July 1<sup>st</sup>, is Tom Rembeisa and the new treasurer is Jessie DiPardo. BRS also approved their slate. The new BRS Chair is Rose Quinby and the BRS Vice Chair is Ryan Kiely. FPSS approved their slate and Charlotte Booth will remain chair with Kerry Ann Shaughnessy, elected as vice chair. The CPA Division will officially vote on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Greg will invite Tom and Jessie to the June executive committee meeting and the current division chairs will invite the newly elected division chairs.

Charlotte brought up the question if we should invite the new vice chairs to the June CA meeting. It was discussed that the new division chairs and vice chairs will be invited with the exception of Ryan Kiely who lives in Eastern WA.

**Spring Event:** Keith Hall has backed out of the session 2 succession planning. Kim will ask Ghasem Nahvipor who has worked with the city and done consulting on succession planning. Kim stated that he is a great presenter and passionate about it. Kim will introduce Ghasem if she can get him. If Ghasem is not available, Charlotte will talk with Charles Shelan.

Linda is waiting to hear from Alison at WA Nonprofits for a final count of WACF members that registered. Brochures will be dropped off at Minuteman Press for printing today.

**WACF/CA Meeting Agenda:** Greg reminded board that there is an association meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> and then the WACF/CA meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff would like feedback from CA on the Home Studies Statement.

Rod mentioned that it would be important to request certain people from CA that we'd like to attend the meeting. Once the agenda is finalized we can send it to whoever might need to be there. Possible agenda items:

- Introductions
- Licensing/homes/availability?

#### WACF

- Placement crisis
- Degree restrictions and what list they're working off of
- Charlotte added, hoping that when contracts change that providers have adequate time to review them before signature

#### CPA

- Home Study Disclaimer Statement
- Thank you for working with us in a collaborative effort and giving us opportunities for input on: Data security verbiage and assisting DLR in drafting new policies and procedures around home studies

#### **Impact Sheet:**

Linda to correct the following:

- The section talking about the elections in April can be switched out with the newly elected officers.
- Spelling error – Unified PALS meeting
- Add Home Study Disclaimer Statement
- Save as pdf to retain formatting?
- Change “past year” to “past fiscal year”
- Change year to 2014-2015
- Add vice chairs

Should it be sent out electronically, printed and brought to next association meeting, or spring event?

#### **Association Meeting Agenda:**

Minutes of last meeting

Legislative Agenda

Financial report

Introduction of new executive board members

POC debrief

Thoughts on conference

CA/WACF meeting agenda

#### **Division Reports:**

Kim suggested that Rod and Jeff work with Linda on creating a survey to get aggregate data.

They could ask questions such as:

1. What percentage has your capacity reduced?
2. What is the number one factor you attribute that to?
3. Has your agency considered not doing this work in the last 12 months?
4. Do you anticipate being in business in 3 years with the current ???
5. How many beds have you added in the last year, versus 2010?

**BRS:** Rod received information from Ann Marie that she has 13 out-of-state kids in residential treatment programs, 4 are at NW Children’s in Idaho. Rod feels that the number Brian got of 28 out-of-state kids is actually higher, maybe upwards of 40. Kim added that providers are totally on their own. Kim stated that BRS is costing too much for the handful of kids providers have. She believes her agency used to be the biggest region 5 provider. In 2009, they had over 50 kids in special ed care at any given time. Now they have 13 in BRS and 10 in special ed care. Capacity has been cut in half in the last 6 years.

**CPA:** Jeff talked about how hard it is when we're talking so much about the placement crisis and recruitment of homes and the trend of lack of homes. He asked if it is appropriate to acknowledge the correlation between the lack of homes and the lack of funding. Charlotte suggested thanking them for putting CPA in their budget and that the legislature hasn't gone that way so the crisis continues. Some providers have reduced their capacity.

**FPSS:** Charlotte reported that they had a huge meeting with Tim Kelly regarding changes to the FPSS contract. They will go to Ruth Kagi after the session is over and ask her to call a workgroup to look into FAR. Charlotte met with the woman that is heading up the evaluation of FAR and brought her the board's concerns.

Adjourned 11:28 a.m.