

WAPAF Board Meeting Notes 07-26-10

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Sandy Schlemm, second by Sue Rhode.

Members present were: Sandy Schlemm, Deb Balli, Collin Malaney, Kim Reifsteck, Sue Rhode, Jim Bates, Emily Wogner, Fay Simonini, Rich Basiliere, Sandy Waugus.

Meeting Minutes from 05-03-10 along with the current Treasurer's Report were approved.

Presidents Report/Legislative Update: Rich Basiliere has been appointed to the Special Committee on Public Assistance Program Integrity. Rich then gave a presentation and handout on the Committee and asked that we each establish a list of issues we think are important and what we feel the committee should discuss regarding the integrity of the program and what we need to do to make it an effectively run program. Some examples consisted of funding, training and centralized referrals. Please get the list to Rich by 08-04-10 at Basiliere@doj.state.wi. The meetings will be going for sometime so we can submit more ideas to Rich at any time.

Regional Director's Report: Sandy Waugus reported that she recently submitted a complaint to the DA in Marinette Co for 11 counts of Public Assistance Fraud.

UCOWF Report: Colin asked that we do not use the "List Serve" if we are just contacting one or 2 states. We should be using this one if we have several States that we need to inquire about. Colin removed Brain Fangmirer from the list. Barry Chase is listed as a contact and Mike McKensie is also now back in Program Integrity. The UCOWF Meeting is scheduled for September 12th and 13th. Faye Simonini is interested in going if her department will approve it. If they will not, UCOF voted that we would pay for her to go. If her department will approve it then WAPAF will pay for another board member to go to this conference. Kim Reifsteck expressed an interest.

Newsletter: There was no Newsletter in July. Sandy Schlemm will try to get one out in August after the meeting. In it will be information regarding the fall training which will be held on 10-04-10 in Mosinee.

New Memberships: None

Bi- Laws: No changes

State Fraud Program Funding: The State continues to not allocate for any money for the Fraud Program. There is 3 million dollars going to fund the MA Program but not in fraud.

Collections: Fay Simonini informed us of some changes in her department. They will be moving all the BV screens into a Web base System. In the new system all programs will also be separate. This is a few years away yet but it will be happening.

Starting in August the System will be all ready to collect Provider Overpayments. Her department will also be able to go back and collect on old providers also.

DCF Update: Jim introduced Emily Wogner who is an Auditor in his department. Emily.Wogner@wisconsin.gov. She does not have a regular phone number at this time but you can e-mail her if you need to get a hold of her. She can provide information as far as training guides, cheat

sheets, spreadsheets and guidance on how to do overpayments. The expectation is that overpayments are the responsibility of the counties but DCF will assist with investigations etc if needed.

- Chapter 2 of the Child Care Manual is being re-written to expand more on Program Integrity.

- There are currently about 900 Providers being looked at by DCF. 183 have had their payments suspended, 160 have open investigations, and 550 still need to be investigated. Jim currently has 6 full time and 3 contracted people to do these investigations. The majority of referrals for the Provider Fraud are coming in from the licensors. They are getting about 10 referrals per month either by phone or e-mail also.

- July 9, and Emergency Rule went into effect which clarifies overpayments for enrollment based child care. Providers with capacity or ratio overpayments are now clarified and all children are then considered an overpayment. They are also looking at being able to give forfeitures prior to doing a revocation for a provider.

- CSAW System changes for negative adjustments will now just take you back to the previous screen.

- There will be a memo coming out about the 40% rule. This rule states that you cannot have more than 40% of employees and their own children in one facility.

- Recipient Fraud will be better clarified in regards to "Strikes" and the department will be establishing what an actual IPV for CC will be.

- The department is moving forward with the Biometric Finger Scan System instead of the swipe card system. A scan of the child fingerprint will be taken and that is how attendance will be recored. This information will automatically be entered into CSAW. This system will not apply to all centers though. October 2010 programming will start and early 2011 the pilots will go into effect. An outside company will be doing the installs of the equipment.

Fall Training: Fall Training will be held 10-04-10. We will be getting together for dinner on 10-03-10. The training will start at 9:00 AM. From 9:15 to 10:30 AM will be Faye regarding collections and the rest of the day will be Child Care with Jim Bates and Emily Wogner as the presenters. Jim will be checking into if this training can be used for the ES Workers as continuing education. Kim will get a list of the licensors in WI to make sure that the Fall Training information is sent to all licensing agencies. Sandy S. will let Faye know the time she will be presenting. It was decided that the training fee would be \$40.00 if sent in by 09-15-10 and \$50 after that. The newsletter will include the registration form and the registrations will then be sent to Sandy Waugus who will also do the certificate of completion for each person. It was also decided that each person will receive their certificate at the end of the day and not in the folder with the other information.

- We met with Wendy from the hotel as to the menu, break times etc. We need to have a final count to Wendy by the Thursday before the meeting which will be 09-30-10. Wendy donated a door prize of a whirlpool suite that will be drawn from the list of attendees at the end of the training and you must be present to win.

New Business: None

Sue made a motion to adjourn and Kim seconded it.

Submitted by: Kim Reifsteck