



# Policy Committee Minutes

Policy Group DCYF

Date 12/17/2024

Chair JEANETTE OBELCZ

Staff SEAN DANNEN

Vice Chair SHAUNA LOWERY/REEF LANDRUM

# Present 13

Sign-in sheet attached?  YES

Summary posted to Closed Policy FB Group?  YES

PEOPLE Collection: \$\_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Approval of Minutes	N/A
Elections	N/A
Membership / PEOPLE	PEOPLE funds our lobbying program, hoodies have replaced the jackets, join PEOPLE.
Executive Board Summary	<p>DCYF statewide UMCC in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More involvement on the UMCC team</li> <li>- Mgmt doesn't understand why childcare needs phones</li> <li>- Mgmt said WFSE is overreacting about the budget and there will be no hiring freezes or travel restrictions (5 days later info about hiring freezes and travel restrictions was released)</li> <li>- Mgmt said maybe transparency about budget is good</li> <li>- Mgmt said that S4s should get overtime by end of November (it doesn't seem like this happened, so there will be follow up)</li> </ul> <p>Regional UMCCs: Mgmt acknowledged statewide alert system doesn't work and they've known for a year, looking into another system</p> <p>Critical Incident MOU: DCYF mgmt showed up half an hour late, didn't seem to know they were supposed to be present. Some shared goals were created. Information requests were submitted RE number of critical incidents, number of people using services, etc. Will use the info for creating goals next meeting. Some requests still outstanding. Next meeting in February</p> <p>Safety MOU: First meeting was introductions and developing shared goals. Larger group that includes 24/7 facilities. Next meeting in February.</p>

IDENTIFIED ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE RAISED & WHERE IT GETS RESOLVED	FOLLOW UP NEEDED
Budget	Hiring freezes and other impacts of budget on staffing	Follow up 12/20 with mgmt
DTBs	Lack of proper notice given	Will follow up with mgmt
Workload Report	Should be released soon	Lobbyist Kati Durkin will review for upcoming legislative session

STATEWIDE ISSUE	POLICY GROUP ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED
Legislative/Political Action/Budget	<p>Governor is proposing closing Rainier School and another facility. Will have to advocate and there will be actions around this. There are some good things in the budget, including not eliminating FRS (as mgmt. requested) or the Family Impact Network. It creates a new JR facility. Mgmt proposed the elimination of 15 full FTE positions and didn't seem to understand how FRS works.</p> <p>Child welfare lobby day on 2/17, maybe another in March or April. Lobby day training in Seattle on 1/11. Sign up and keep an eye on email for actions!</p>	Everyone will lobby
No Solutions Campaign	It will be holiday greeting and goodbye Ross Hunter themed. Letters will be sent this weekend from across the state, the deadline is Saturday 12/21.	Everyone will send the Policy Committee officers letters to mail
Holiday Card for the governor	The Policy Committee will send a friendly holiday card to incoming governor Bob Ferguson.	Anyone with ideas will send them to Policy Committee officers
Website	It will be shared ASAP. Officers/mods need to be added as members by AFSCME. Feedback will be gathered.	Officers for the website, any members for feedback.

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Resolutions	<p>Staci Caldwell motions for the DCYF Policy Committee to support an information request regarding the Facebook page and management. Shauna Lowery seconds the motion.</p> <p>Explanation: Debbie Sills had a meeting with management, reported back to the Facebook group about it being unproductive, and the request would be whether management has any communication regarding this request. They would be obligated to provide it to Policy Committee and the Council Rep. Jeanette will talk with the council rep to determine how broad the request can be.</p> <p><b>12 vote in favor, clear majority, the motion passes.</b></p>
Good & Welfare	<p>A CFWS supervisor, Eamon Morgan, was killed last week in Region 3. He was well known at work and in the community. Keep him, his family, and those who knew him in thoughts.</p> <p>Jeanette and others have been organizing flowers for offices. If something happens, let her know so we can be there for them.</p> <p>Edith in Spokane, a longtime union member, passed away a couple of weeks ago. She is a child welfare legend and the reason for workers receiving assault benefits.</p>
Other	

**SUBMITTED Policy Committee Secretary:**

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