

Region 3 South 1624 Meeting
December 6, 2011

Present: Vancouver (1 foster parent), Stevenson (0), Kelso (1 staff, 1 foster parent), Centralia (1 1624 rep), Tumwater (2 staff), Aberdeen (0), Peggy Hays representing Region 3 South.

TOPIC	SPEAKERS	CONTENT	DISCUSSION/ TASKS/ASSIGNMENTS
Updates: 1624	Marci Miess	Regional 1624 meetings - we continue to have challenges getting foster parents to participate	How do the "leads" get the info to FPs – Facebook, newsletters, e-lists, etc? Information not getting sent. Could Peggy use office lists to send out notification of meetings – possibly reach more FPs? Peggy will check with all office leads. Also seems more FPs are working and unable to attend meetings. Some FPs feel 1624 meetings are unproductive. Issues discussed with no action. It would be good to send a "bulleted" list of what has been accomplished over the last year. Peggy to check with Meri Waterhouse, to develop and send a short synopsis to all foster parents. Also discussed having at least one 1624 meeting in the evening, to hopefully bring in

			more participation. Group would like this issue forwarded on to the Statewide 1624 meeting.
Licensing process is taking much longer than previously	Kim Glover	Why is this happening? Vancouver only licensed two homes last month.	Many offices seem to be having this same issue. Problems with background checks are common. Numbers of applicants down in many areas. Immunization requirement has also caused some delays. Group discussed issues related to the economy – folks can't feed their own kids and can't take on more; although the flip side to that is the number of folks calling who think they can make money off providing foster care. Peggy will check with Judy Hardy to see if she can shed some light on the delay of licensure.
Need clarification on email use, policy, procedures for foster parents.	Kim Glover	Licensors reportedly told a foster parent not to use email or they would be held "legally liable" for the contents.	Long group discussion on value of email and its use. Group would like this issue to be forward on to the statewide meeting for clarification, and hopefully generate clarification and guidelines that could be distributed to foster parents.
Replacement for Marci – elections for new 1624 rep	Peggy Hays	Notices requesting nominations have been sent several times. Last notice	Do we need to have ballots sent and vote even when there is only one person?

		declared deadline of Dec. 2 nd . One person has been nominated from Vancouver.	Previous "appointments" caused some dissention. What does the policy say? Do we want to waste time and energy on voting? How will we get the information to the foster parents when as mentioned above, many are not even getting notified of the meetings. Peggy will check with Meri Waterhouse, as to next steps.
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