

Region 3 North 1624 Meeting
March 12, 2012

TOPIC	SPEAKERS	CONTENT	DISCUSSION/ TASKS/ASSIGNMENTS
Decision of which topics to refer to Statewide meeting	Josh Hinman and Elizabeth Griffin Hall	<p>Region 3 North would like to submit the exact two topics as last quarter to the Statewide meeting, as they do not feel the issues presented have been resolved. The first topic is availability of trainings. In review, special topic trainings are scheduled during the work week days/hours, not scheduled in the evenings or weekends. This is a barrier to foster parent attendance. Another concern for the Pierce County offices is the large number in PRIDE classes (although this could be looked at as a plus!). Recommendation to add classes (if possible) to accommodate the interested prospective foster parents.</p>	<p>Arthur Fernandez again spoke to the changes occurring Statewide with training of foster parents and staff with the University of Washington. Arthur states these issues have been heard and are being addressed. Arthur state the next few month of training has already been set; however, there will be changes before the end of the year. Parenting Plus remains a priority was well as “I have my First Placement – Now what?” First placement training is scheduled monthly in Tacoma over the summer. There is difficulty in finding a location in Bremerton for nights/weekend training. Josh offered his agency as an option and also volunteered to check with a few of the churches in the community that might be willing to host training. Update from Nancy on the Regional advisory group (DCFS and U of W). They have met once with two foster parents represented. There is currently a Statewide framework being identified, and they will wait to meet again when that is complete. Looking at 1) competencies/curriculum 2) needs/gaps 3) research. Nancy stated a partnership with Eastern Washington University has also been developed for the south end of the Region. Looking to make use of Community Colleges to increase accessibility and</p>

		<p>Topic #2 to forward to Statewide Committee - clarity and transparency around permanency/concurrent planning and adoption.</p> <p>Group discussion: Inconsistent screening decisions by intake.</p> <p>Travel Restrictions for foster parents</p>	<p>interactive training.</p> <p>No discussion – however, topic to move again to Statewide meeting.</p> <p>Question proposed buy Luann Vail as to how screening decisions are made. Luann relayed an allegation/investigation that occurred with her family. Suggestion made to schedule a meeting with foster parents/staff who would like to continue this discussion with Beverly Pain, and Scott Adams. Peggy Hays and Linda Tosti-Lane will schedule and get information out to the committee. Nancy suggested identifying specific screening decisions to bring to the meeting. Also discussed the issue of “false reporting” which will also be addressed.</p> <p>Nancy reports this was discussed last week at the CA executive team meeting. Issues were identified and permission given to reframe. The Regional deputies met and are in the process of drafting a proposal for review. Should be completed within the next 10 days. Nancy is hopeful that by the end of July, we will have new written instructions. Nancy also mentioned meeting with the AAG to discuss aligning consistent language regarding travel within all court orders throughout the State.</p>
		<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>September 10, 2012 10:00 am – 11:00 am Tacoma DCFS – Room 348</p>

