



Parent Advisory Group (PAG)

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2021 9:00am to 12:30pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Virtual Meeting Protocols

Deanna Stewart, DCYF Deputy Director Community Engagement, welcomed attendees and reviewed virtual meeting protocols.

Introductions of DCYF Staff and Review Agenda

Deanna Stewart, DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement, led staff introductions and reviewed agenda

- [PAG Agenda](#)
- [Discussion Questions](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCYF staff introduced themselves and shared their position and work within the agency. • Members were asked to share: one word that describes how you are feeling showing up to today's meeting. • Members reviewed the agenda.
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Review PAG Purpose, Group Agreements and Member Expectations

Deanna Stewart led members in a review of the PAG Purpose, Group Agreements and Member Expectations.

- [PAG DCYF Expectations](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members reviewed current group purpose and agreement documents. • My question is on collaborating with communities, is that something we do as a group or on our own? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We try to make sure we introduce you to the early learning collisions in your area. If you are meeting other parents at school or at the coalition, you can bring that back to this group and we can help connect you to the right people. We will bring in key partners and key presenters to help you understand what that looks like. • It seems that we're in this process of finally transitioning to more of a broad parent advisory group and it goes beyond just the early learning focus. Is that accurate? Will we be talking about what that looks like moving forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We want to ensure this group has broad representation across the agency, so this group can be utilized when parent voice is needed. The age change was made to be responsive to all the services that DCYF offer.
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Get to Know You Activity: Pair Share & Member Introductions

Members participated in Pair Share activity to get to know one another

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were sent into Breakout Groups to interview each other by asking the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How many children do you have and what are their ages? ○ Do you have any animals? ○ What's a hobby of yours? ○ If money were not an issue, where would you like to spend your next solo vacation? How about your next family vacation? • Members participated in large group share out by introducing their fellow members to the group with the information they learned from their interviews.
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Remaining 2021 Schedule

Deanna Stewart shared the remaining meeting schedule for 2021 and gathered interest around a possible in-person meeting, agenda topics, etc.

- [Discussion Questions](#)
- [2021 PAG WorkPlan TopicList](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining 2021 Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conference call September 14, 2021 ○ October 4 and 5, 2021 • Members were asked to share any agenda topics they are interested in either this year, priority, or next year • Are we responsible for expenses for the travel/hotel stay, etc.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, we are responsible for expenses. We will start asking about your travel needs 4 weeks prior to the meeting. • What city would the meeting be in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If approved, it would be in Spokane. We will follow up with the status of the in-person meeting.
Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will share the in person meeting status once we hear from the other groups.

Get to Know You Activity: Scavenger Hunt

Members participate in a Scavenger Hunt Activity

- [Scavenger Hunt Rules](#)
- [Scavenger Hunt List](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were grouped into teams and given 15 minutes to participate in a scavenger hunt.
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Meeting Recap Activity

- [Discussion Questions](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on what we are hearing overall, the themes of interest are foster care and opportunities for Q & A. We will add all these topics to the work plan for the remainder of the year and invite programs to attend future meetings to provide a more in-depth opportunity for understanding.
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Closing Remarks/ Adjourn

Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will take place via conference call on September 14, 2021 from 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
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