

## W-2 Contractors' Meeting – Notes

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**Date:** June 21, 2018

**Time:** 10:00am-11:30am

**Location:** H206

**Conference Line:** (888) 557-8511 Access Code: 5834260

**Adobe Connect Link:** <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/dcfdfesbwfw-2contractorsmeeting/>

Members				
	<b>America Works</b>		<b>Bureau of Budget and Policy</b>	X Deb Hughes
	Holly Kaster	X	Sasha Bong	X Carrie Johnson
X	Vang Lee		<b>Bureau of Regional Operations</b>	X LaToya Johnson
	Carlyle Outten		Kelly Bueschel	X Jane Kahl
	<b>Forward Service Corp.</b>	X	Jamie Fawcett	Beki Lockery
X	Tony Dziedzic		Tonja Fischer	X Neb Macura
X	Stacey Eggen	X	Justine Girard	X Robb McCann
X	Jennifer Marks	X	Zulema Hauer	X Luisa McKy
X	Brian Wolfe		Jordan Lee	Margaret McMahon
	<b>MAXIMUS</b>	X	Dara Martinovich	X LaQuisia Montgomery-Wright
X	Shirron Jude-Boyd	X	Tim Schindler	X Jessica Moss
	Rachel Zietlow	X	Heather Sommers	X Lorinda Patzner
	<b>ResCare</b>	X	Roxanne Sperber	Jenny Rado
X	Michelle Day		Lori Thuli	Linda Richardson
X	Kanwen Shao	X	John Tuohy	Jean Schmidt
	<b>Ross</b>	X	Jean Zawacki	X Luz Scott
X	Nicole Hagen		<b>Bureau of Working Families</b>	X Ginger Seery
X	Reno Wright	X	Debaki Ale	X Pete Shay
	<b>UMOS</b>	X	Brian Anderson	Mac Strawder
X	Jodi Prout	X	Sara Baudhuin	Tamika Terrell
X	Parker Rios	X	Jason Bergh	Leah Watson
X	Sandra Salazar-Lozano		Brianna Chaffee	Becky Yang
	<b>Workforce Connections Inc.</b>	X	Jenifer Cole	X MayChee Yang
X	Gina Brown	X	Debra Cronmiller	<b>DFES Management</b>
	Shannon Franek	X	Danise Doudna	John Chapin
	Teresa Pierce		LaTanya Dukes	Marianne Rosen
	<b>Workforce Resource Inc.</b>		Amy Duncan	
X	Jody Conner	X	Ed Emmons	
X	Carolyn Frogness		Rachel Gabor	
X	Deb Leslie	X	Nick Hayward	
X	Richard Price	X	Choua Her	

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### **Federal Compliance – Ed Emmons and Pete Shay**

- Agencies will receive WPR CAP letters, if they have not already.
- Two-parent WPR is a separate category with a separate penalty.
  - Our target is 45.9% - the current rate is around this number.
  - If we meet the rate for FFY 2018, the penalty will end.
  - Currently there are 100 two-parent cases statewide. Agencies were encouraged to work these cases in an effort to get the current rate up to expected levels since we are so close.
- Agencies have received the W-2 T Participant Engagement Incentive payments.
  - Agencies need to ensure that participants are assigned appropriate activities and hours to avoid a takeback.
  - Two agency representatives expressed concern about takebacks.
    - Agencies cannot submit reports directly.
    - As long as the hours and activities are appropriate, takebacks will not happen.
  - See Ops Memo [18-08](#) for more information.
- RAS recently sent a listserv notice containing a list of unused WebI reports that will be archived.
  - Agencies should notify RAS if they still need any of the reports on the list.
  - Folders will also be reorganized to make items easier to find.
- According to the newly proposed TANF reauthorization bill, WPR will no longer be the performance standard.
  - States will need to develop their own performance standards by 2020. This will benefit Wisconsin since our service delivery model is unique.

### **Contract Issues – Jason Bergh and Carrie Johnson**

- EA YTD spending is 65% of what it was last year.
  - Agency representatives indicated that the spending difference is due to a combination of a decrease in applications and increase in ineligible applicants.
  - There is also seasonal variation in the number of EA applications.
- The TMJ RFP will be posted by the end of next week.
  - There will continue to be separate contracts for the foster and general populations.
  - The new contracts will begin in January 1, 2019.
  - The due date for proposals is TBD (probably in early August).

### **Automation Updates and Recent Ops Memos – Jenifer Cole, Jane Kahl, and Ginger Seery**

- [18-J5](#) – W-2 and Child Care Delinquency Hearing Process
- [18-J6](#) – New SSN Application Date Policy and Updates to CWW

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- [18-J7](#) – Implementation of CMF+ for Individuals Meeting Federal WPR Requirements
- [18-09](#) – Telephonic Signatures for CMF, CMF+, and CMU W-2 Eligibility Reviews
  - All staff on the lists supplied by agencies have access to Contact Center Everywhere (CCA).
  - CCA works best on Java platform 6.23.
- The WWP preview recently concluded.
  - Previewers provided helpful written feedback.
  - The full release of WWP Phase I is on track for February 2019.
  - The debrief meeting is next week.

## **Policy Updates – Jenifer Cole and Nick Hayward**

- Refusal to Participate will become effective on August 1.
  - Automation will go live on October 27.
  - Cases with two consecutive months of 20% or more hours sanctioned without good cause will need to be closed for three months.
    - The case will not auto close.
    - Participants will not receive payments during the sanction period.
    - Notices will be sent to participants in advance of being sanctioned with instructions on how to claim good cause.
    - Participants subject to Refusal to Participate will need to reapply if they wish to participate in W-2.
- TJ will expand to Adams, Clark, Jackson, and Juneau counties on July 1.
  - This geographic area will be known as Rural Central.
  - An Ops Memo will be published next week.
- BWF is working to update policies and processes related to individuals participating in the Safe at Home program.
  - Safe at Home provides a substitute address to individuals who fear for their safety.
  - If FEPs have a client who is a Safe at Home participant, they must enter the substitute address in CWW.
  - A new CWW process help document will be published next week.
  - An Ops Memo will be published in July.

## **Work Programs Conference – Jenifer Cole**

- Conference dates are Wednesday, October 24, and Thursday, October 25.
- Conference location is Heidel House in Green Lake.
- Agency managers received a Save the Date email.
- The conference planning committee is finalizing the agenda.
- Registration will be done through EventBrite.

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- Last year, some invitees reported problems with EventBrite emails going to their Junk/Spam folder.
  - Each invitation is tied to a specific email address – invitations cannot be forwarded.
- Agencies should submit a list of staff who should be invited.