

Washington County Citizen Review Panel
Minutes: November 15, 2011

Attending: Aine Bebeau, Rick Backman, Marty Gerky, Maggie Hart, Anita Keyes, Sue Lewis, Don Pelton, Guy Sederski, Melissa Charley
Absent: Laurie Aaronson, Melissa Rones

- I. The meeting was called to order by Aine Bebeau, co-chair.
 - a. Approval of Minutes: Aine motioned, Melissa seconded, approved.

- II. Washington County Update
 - a. Melissa reported that she had written a letter in support of a \$50,000 "Parent Support Outreach Grant", for Washington County. This helps in Child Protection work.
 - b. Rick spoke about "Could it Happen in Minnesota" regarding the Penn State allegations of abuse.
 - c. Don has continues to give talks to various groups and schools on "Mandate Reporting". He highlights a need for training since many people are not aware of things that are Mandated.
 - d. ESS Crisis-This is a critical service for Washington County. There are three RFP's out for the possibility of contracting this service out. Washington County has worked with Ramsay County on this proposal.
 - e. HSI in Oakdale has done a good job.
 - f. The family assessment the hope of Rick and Don is that staff has been aiding them.
 - g. The office is returning to Stillwater December 2,2011.
 - h. Mortality Reviews are being done.
 - i. Don Pelton has been appointed to the "State Mortality Review Board"
 - j. Appeals and reconsideration has had an uptick this year 13 requests.

- III. DHS Update
 - a. Anita applauded the work done and the annual report progress. She has worked with several on the panel to complete this for yearend. She also feels that the work completed in this past year has shown the panel is doing what it is charged to accomplish for Washington County.

- IV. New Business
 - a. Holiday Gathering – the consensus was that the Dock Café in Stillwater has worked well for us and Sue has reserved the room for December 13th hope to see all that can attend.

- V. Old Business
 - a. Marty did a wonderful job of explaining the "Permanency Outcome Measure" and the ways that the Federal Government applies the rules and numbers. She has put in a lot of time and her efforts are appreciated by all involved in this committee and staff.

- VI. Other Comments
 - a. The people involved in the reviews which have been completed reported that it took approximately 2 hours per case. 10-12 cases have been reviewed.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:30 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted,
Guy E. Sederski