

Washington County Citizen Review Panel June 21, 2011

Present: Melissa, Rick, Anita, Guy, Sue, Don, Laurie and Maggie

There will be no meeting in July. Anita commented that due to the possible government July 1 shutdown, it is uncertain if she will be at the next meeting.

The new committee member Gina was unable to tonight's meeting. Laurie arrived late and was introduced. These two new members will approved by the Board next Tues. Laurie informed us that she is an unemployed math teacher. She tutors at Metro State. She has two adopted children and did work at Pine School as Title 1 coordinator. She is a soccer coach.

Guy approved May minutes and Sue 2nd them.

Sue and I (Maggie) volunteered to be mentors to the new members. Anita will forward job descriptions to us. We commented that more men are needed to serve on the panel. We could send letters to the editor indicating what the CRP does and that a male perspective is needed.

*Update from Washington County SS;

SS are also preparing for possible shutdown. Mental Health Center says if Med Assistance not available it will loose substantial money. SS receives many grants like CCSA so that will help. However, licensing will be halted, after hours emergency will be heavier and there will be no assurance of retro pay for providers.

Out of home placements are decreasing statewide. There has been a busy spring with caseload increase and more complex cases. Investigations will be down 1 worker (she is leaving to go to Hennp Cty) so that makes two open positions so they will hire for 1 position.

Melissa mentioned that it would be helpful to follow a case from beginning. Don mentioned that they had a recent case of baby died and the parents are from out of the state.

*Update from DHS:

Anita attended the National Conference. Other local counties requested a county wide meeting so she will be coordinating that in the fall. A Reservation wants to form a CRP so we may have a speaker regarding such.

We will revisit our topic/report in Aug. Guy said we should have a plan that will last a year so that time is not lost. We spend much of the first quarter planning the April event which delays our annual report topic being worked.

*New Business:

Melissa volunteered to co-chair again. Will check with Anie if she is willing/wanting to co-chair again. Sue volunteered if Anie is not going to.

PCAMN walk in September needs more focus so discussion followed about our participation this fall. We can contribute financially individually so we will not be participating as a group.

*Old Business:

Topics suggested were Post adoption services for high risk/international adoptions

Partnership with Big Brother/Big Sister

Reducing risk to children

Aging out of foster care/independent living plans

Outcomes are poor for this population/ some
establishing connection with bio-parent

Need to consider what is SS doing already on topics

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Maggie Hart