

Washington County Citizens Review Panel
“Citizens partnering with Child Protective Services to keep children safe.”
May 17, 2016

- **Attendance:**
 - Members present: Julia Welter, Nissa Knutson, Mary Doyle, Sarah Amundson, Mel Laughton, Bonnie Treacy, Deb Eckberg (Chairperson), LaJuan McIntyre, Jan Hayne, Teri Bottum, John Kiedrowski, Ralph & Jennifer
 - Members absent: Nancy Zupfer

- **Old Business**
 - Courthouse bookshelf for kids—Donations needed- further explained what was needed
 - Julia, will check with husband about creating a box for the books. Mary will be entering our name into drawing for the ‘lil library box for the books’

 - Shadowing Wash Co Social Workers: Mel and Dawn gave feedback on their shadowing experience of their social workers.

 - Dates for recognition of and outreach to social workers as follows:
 - _ Breakfast/Brunch/Treats are as follows:
 - May 25th & June 8th are the dates
 - May 25th
 - FA team in CG @ 8:30 (9 team members) – Nancy, Bonnie, Mike attending
 - Concurrent planning team/Stillwater @ 8:30am (13 team members) (speak to Megan Roy) **AND**
 - Child Foster Care Unit team/ Stillwater @ 10:00am (4 team members) (speak to Becky Barnhart) – Jan & John attending
 - June 8th
 - Ongoing team/Stillwater @ 8:30am (9 team members) (speak to Heidi Bischoff) – Teri
 - Adolescent Services/Stillwater @ 8:30am (8 team members) (speak to John Nalezny) – Bonnie or Mike
 - Investigations and Intake team/Stillwater @ 8:30 am (10 team members) (Mary Farmer-Kubler) - Deb

 - Presence of the CRP at the Washington County Fair: **Tabled to JUNE**
 - Sarah will keep us posted on the Community Services table/booth at the fair, as stated previously CRP will sign up for several hours to be present.

- **New Business**
 - Mary Doyle to present the navigation of the DHS website next meeting in June
 - Mel to present with Motorcycle group

- Deb to check with Minuteman printing to see about adding new members to the brochure
 - Julia to create a sign for the little library
 - Sarah sending out Mother's Day article from the StarTribune
 - Mary sending out websites for Center for Advanced Child Welfare Reform and NorthStar budgeting changes
 - **REMINDER:** no meeting in JULY
- **County Update (Sarah):**
 - The 2015 MN Legislature allocated \$1.5 million per year for grants to be used for the development, implementation, and evaluation of activities to address racial disparities and disproportionalities in the child welfare system.
 - Community Services submitted a grant proposal to address disparities within our child welfare system and increase staff awareness around cultural competence. Washington County was awarded \$112,530.
 - The grant activities will take place the next 2 years and involve the following:
 - Convene a workgroup to complete the Disproportionality Diagnostic Tool
 - Administer the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to get an assessment of staff cultural competence (names of CRP members that may be interested can be submitted to Nissa)
 - Offer culturally specific services in the form of Family Wise High Fidelity Wraparound Services (Wrap)
 - **DHS Update (Mary):**
 - Legislature ends May 23rd
 - Spending surplus foster care payments, expenditure for mental health in schools, asthma kids, mental health
 - **Meeting adjourned at 6:20**

Next Meeting is June 21, 2016

Minutes:

Snacks:

Minutes submitted by Dawn Hyland