

Washington County Citizens Review Panel

“Citizens partnering with Child Protective Services to keep children safe.”

October 18, 2016

- **Attendance:**
 - Members present: Julia, John, Nissa, Mary, Sarah, LaJuan, Bonnie, Deb, Jan, Jennifer, Ralph & Mel
 - Members absent: Dawn Hyland, Teri Bottom & Nancy Zupfer
- **Approval of October, 2016 minutes**
 - October, 2016 minutes motioned to approve by LaJuan, seconded by Julia
- **Old Business**
 - **Book Donations:** Sarah states that we currently have enough inventory
 - **Retirement Card for Dan Papin** - CRP members present at meeting signed card
 - **Foster Care Recruitment Plan** - Nancy (at previous meeting expressed interest) and Dawn volunteered to work with Cty supervisor. Information meeting for potential foster care parents; November 7th at Government Center/lower level. Postponing “outreach” plan until task force is in place. We can then discuss and make a plan.
- **New Business**
 - **Annual Holiday Gathering for CRP:** December 13th 6:00 at Mallards in Bayport. Julia to organize.
 - **Annual Report** – Deb will work on rough draft and solicit feedback
 - **New snack/minute signup was passed around**
- **Update from Washington County (Sarah, Nissa)**
 - **Other 2017 Plans:** Sarah talked about a project to include reviewing files to assess; foster care reentry and permanency timelines – to assess reason for not meeting deadlines. She also discussed Safe Harbor for youth victims of sex trafficking. Looking for volunteers to be part of a work group or advisory board. *email Sarah if you are interested.
 - Ralph asked about potential of mentorship programs for youth. Nissa mentioned that there are programs in place to pair families with mentors. One known program is Circles National Program. Mary also stated that Project Breakthrough sponsored by the Salvation Army was very successful. Prior to that the Wilder Foundation had a program. Mary also stated the importance of foster care training to include the provider’s ability to identify each child’s needs and issues
 - Sarah solicited CRP volunteers for reconsiderations. Jan, Mel and Bonnie committed to Friday’s work session. Julia, Mel and Ralph committed to Monday’s work session.
 - Sarah reported on “It’s Time to Talk” YWCA event with Justice Alan Page as guest speaker. Becky Conroy; Disparity Grant Writer for Washington County spoke and was well received. Washington County is being watched by other counties because grant money is being used for staff culture versus client orientation

- **Update from DHS (Mary)**
 - Mary stated that New Member training is being offered on November 16th 9-12 at the DHS office. Annual CRP October/November meeting is being postponed until the Spring.
 - Also discussed upcoming webinar “Defining Childhood Domestic Violence.” Mary will make the CRP aware of upcoming topics and reminded the group that times are stated in eastern time.

- Next Meeting November 15th, 2016

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM