

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection  
Meeting Minutes February 21, 2017**

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

**Members Present:**

Dawn Hyland, Deb Eckgerg, Jan Hayne, Jennifer Dailey, John Kiedrowski, Julie Welter, La Juan McIntyre, Mike Laughton, Ralph Pennie, Teri Bottum, County Representative Sarah Amundson, DHS Representative Mary Doyle

**Absent:** Bonnie Treacy, Nancy Zupfer, County Representative Nissa Knutson

**January Minutes Approved**

**Old Business**

- Annual Report
  - Sarah and Deb presented the Washington County CRP Annual Report to the County Board on February 14, 2017. Mary and Mike were also in attendance. The report was well received.
- 2017 Planning
  - **Foster care task force**
    - CRP members: Nancy and Dawn
    - Lead: Becky, Licensing Supervisor
    - Next step: Multidisciplinary kickoff meeting March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Stillwater, foster care is at capacity, Rasmey has used some of our beds
  - **Foster care re-entry file review**
    - CRP members: Jennifer, Mike, Terri, John
    - Lead: John Nillessney (spelling?)
    - Next step: Start in April?
  - **Permanency guidelines file review**
    - CRP members: La Juan, Jennifer
    - Lead: Megan Roy (spelling?)
    - Next step: Start in June? See Toolkit discussion (below)
  - **Safe Harbor/Sex Trafficked Youth Workgroup**
    - CRP members: Deb, Jan, Bonnie
    - Lead: ?

- Next steps: ?
- **Mentorship resources resource list/framework** such as Mpls Familywise Services
  - CRP members: Ralph, Bonnie
  - Lead: ?
  - Next step: Consider using the Toolkit. (Note: The County Board suggested considering 4H Extension)

## New Business

- **Membership News** – Julie is moving out of Washington County!
- **New Chair** – Members are encouraged to consider the chair position. We will try to vote next month.
- **Recent and Upcoming Trainings**
  - William Mitchell School of *Law Critical Look at Children who Sexually Abuse other Children*, 9-4, (Mel)
  - *Sex Trafficking*, March 1, 6:30-8:30, at Public Safety, free (Dawn, Mel)
  - Screening of the film “*Resilience*” at Metro State, Thursday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. \$10 donation suggested (Jan?)
  - Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare’s *Impact of Housing and Homelessness on Child Welfare*, Wed., April 19, TCF Stadium DQ Room, free but must register (Dawn, Jen)
- **Planning Toolkit and Permanency Timelines**
  - Important to have a firm view of why we are doing something and outcome
  - **Purpose**: Take a look at files where over permanency timelines (approximately 15 files over 3 years) to discern patterns or reasons why. We have the manpower to add to the County’s time (semi -killed workgroup), it would be a great learning tool for us, and we can be a fresh look and maybe see something others haven’t (or confirm what they already think).
  - **Desired outcome**: Recommendation to improve system to achieve permanency in more timely fashion.
  - **Measuring the outcome**: # files charted if wild cards or patterns, data to county
  - **Assigned tasks (who-by when)**: Later

## Washington County Update (Sarah)

- Washington County has hired a new Director of Social Services, Chris Sorenson, who should be starting on March 31.
- Sarah and Nissa have been selected to give a presentation at the National CRP Conference in Alaska in May. It will be a 45 minute presentation on process and accountability with the CRP (reconsiderations, case reviews, file reviews, shadowing and talking with workers, etc.)

**Update from DHS (Mary)**

- The Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) of Minnesota is complete. The CFSR looks at 3 counties, one generally being Hennepin County. Minnesota did not score very well on the CFSR. Sarah will be on the Performance Improvement Plan workgroup. There are also State versions of the federal CFSR. Hennepin goes through this every year, Washington and similar size counties every 2 years, and some counties every 3 years. Mary will send us a link to the CFSR.
- Mary gave us a couple handouts on the Governor's Human Services Budget proposal.

**Meeting Adjourned**

*Minutes by JCD, approved \_\_\_\_\_*