

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

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

Members Present:

Dawn Hyland, Deb Eckberg, Jan Hayne, Jennifer Dailey, John Kiedrowski, La Juan McIntyre, Mike Laughton, Nancy Zupfer, Ralph Pennie, County Representatives Sarah Amundson and Nissa Knutson, DHS Representative Mary Doyle

Absent: Bonnie Treacy, Teri Bottum

February Minutes Approved

Old Business

- Need to elect new CRP chair
 - Jen and Jan will consider co-chairing

- **Going away gift for Julia.** Members donated to a Target gift card for Julia.

- 2017 Planning
 - **Foster care task force**
 - CRP members: Nancy and Dawn
 - Lead: Becky, Licensing Supervisor
 - Update: The initial meeting took place on March 14, presenting the issue and looking through numbers.
 - Next Steps: The plan is for 5 monthly meetings and then quarterly meetings.

 - **Foster care re-entry file review**
 - CRP members: Jennifer, Mike, Terri, John
 - Lead: John Nalezny
 - Next step: John will attend the April meeting. He led a similar project in 2012.

 - **Permanency guidelines file review**
 - CRP members: La Juan, Jennifer
 - Lead: Megan Roy
 - Next step: Megan may attend the June meeting.

 - **Safe Harbor/Sex Trafficked Youth Workgroup/Crossover Youth Model**
 - CRP members: Deb, Jan, Bonnie
 - Lead: Sarah?

- Update: The county doesn't have enough numbers to focus solely on sex trafficked youth, and will include them in a crossover youth model. (Note: the Atlanta airport had a sign advertising awareness of sex trafficked youth.)
 - Next steps: Next they will survey the staff and have an input meeting.
- **Mentorship resources resource list/framework** such as Mpls Familywise Services
 - CRP members: Ralph, Bonnie
 - Lead: Ralph
 - Update: Ralph put together a summary of the mentor framework for input. Some brainstorming ideas included partnering with local libraries for a mentor rooms, looking at other states such as Michigan, and finding mentors to help with transitioning ages 15-22.
 - Next step: Get back to Ralph with any input on the summary and coordinate any contacts to other groups through him.

New Business

- **Trainings Attended**
 - Mel attended the William Mitchell School of Law *Critical Look at Children who Sexually Abuse other Children*. He shared some highlights of what he learned, including that the recidivism rate of children who sex offend and are treated is very low (2.75%).
 - Dawn attended the County Prosecutor's presentation on *Sex Trafficking* on March 1. She recommends looking at Polaris.com for information.
 - No one was able to attend the film "*Resilience*" at Metro State, but "*Resilience*" and "*Paper Tigers*" are now available for viewing on U-Tube. Both deal with ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences).
- **Upcoming Trainings**
 - 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)
 - Department of Human Services is offering a *Collaborative Safety Regional Training* on various dates and locations, including Monday, April 17 from 9-11 and Friday, May 5 from 1:30-3:30 in the Metro Area.

Washington County Update (Sarah)

- Nissa handed out a Children's Services data sheet and discussed the trends. The PSOP areas needs better data.
- Sarah is on the State's Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) development group to work on the systemic factors, based on the federal CFSR Review.
- The County's Child Welfare Disparity Grant had its second YWCA training. This is a two year grant looking at systemic ways to reduce children of color in out of home placement and offering services to families at risk.

- There are two upcoming reconsiderations. Members will email Sarah with their availability.
- Sarah or Nissa will check the inventory of duffel bags/backpacks. The family services worker is now in charge of organizing the donations.
- April is child abuse prevention month. Sarah will seek a proclamation from the County Board. In the past the CRP has had posters in libraries; small businesses or corporate employee lounges might also be good locations. The CRP will discuss visiting social worker meetings/ride alongs.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- Mary handed out copies of the CFSR Fact Sheet and additional copies of the Planning toolkit.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes by JCD, approved _____