

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes April 18, 2017**

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

Members Present:

Bonnie Treacy, Deb Eckgerg, Jan Hayne, Jennifer Dailey, John Kiedrowski, La Juan McIntyre, Ralph Pennie, Terri Bottum, County Representatives Sarah Amundson and Nissa Knutson, DHS Representative Mary Doyle,

Absent: Dawn Hyland, Mike Laughton, Nancy Zupfer

Special Guest: John Nalezny

March Minutes Approved

Old Business

- **Foster Care Re-Entry File Review**

John Nalezny joined us to explain the upcoming foster care re-entry file review. The CRP assisted with a file review in 2012 and this process will be similar. The main difference is that this will be an electronic file review, rather than a paper file review.

Child protection already does quarterly quality assurance reviews and Washington County’s numbers of re-entry are low, but any re-entry affects those children and families.

Goal: Identify a workable action step that we can give to staff to enhance or better practice in the area of foster care re-entry, something that is measurable, doable, and will make an impact so there are fewer kids who re-enter foster care.

Timeline: Start in May, done by July

Next step: Sarah will get our emails to John to coordinate.

- **New CRP Co-Chairs:** Bonnie and Jan
- **Travel gift for Sarah and Nissa.** Have fun at the National CRP Conference in Alaska!

New Business

- **Member updates:** Deb will be out in June. We do not meet in July. Nancy is out until August. Jan will be out TBD.
- **Truancy group donations:** The Truancy group would welcome donations of \$5 gift cards to Starbucks or Caribou to incentivize school attendance.

Washington County Update (Sarah and Nissa)

- **CRP Alaska Presentation.** Nissa and Sarah ran us through the presentation they will make at the national CRP conference in May. They have done fantastic work and will share what works here with our team, including the opportunities to shadow workers.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- The DHS budget request has been tabled, both the House and the Senate were proposing cuts to Human Services.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes by JCD, approved _____