

Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection Meeting Minutes August 15, 2017

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

Members Present:

Dawn Hyland, Deb Eckberg, Jan Hayne, Jennifer Dailey, John Kiedrowski, Key-C Green, LaJuan McIntyre, Mike Laughton, Ralph Pennie, Terri Bottum, County Representatives Sarah Amundson and Nissa Knutson, DHS Representative Mary Doyle

Absent: Bonnie Treacy, Nancy Zupfer

Special Guest: Kathryn Luk, South East Metro Regional Navigator/Youth Services Coordinator

June Minutes Approved

Guest Presentation: 10 regional navigators were created as part of the 2011 Safe Harbor Law that decriminalized youth involved as victims of sex trafficking, utilizing a “no wrong door” to services policy. She covers a population area of 2 million, including Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Dakota, and Washington Counties. She’s seen trends in homelessness and friend conditioning friends. A sexually exploited youth (SEY) is anyone who trades sex for anything of value or a promise of anything of value, including status or popularity. The law also mandated SEY as child protection investigations. In addition to connecting youth with services, Ms. Luk does parent coaching and is meeting with the homeless liaisons at the schools. Ms. Luk works for Tubman which also has a youth shelter. The CRP had a good discussion on a number of issues.

Old Business

- **Foster Care Re-Entry File Review:** John Nalezny led a team of workers and CRP members to go through 24 files of children who reentered the foster care system and get all the data onto a spreadsheet. John will finalize the spreadsheet to see any patterns we can research.
- **Foster Care Task Force:** The group met in June and July and split into a number of workgroups.
- **Permanency Guidelines:** Megan Roy, Supervisor, is on the CRP agenda for September.
- **SEY:** The CRP will take this off as a project for now, but Sarah will keep an eye out for opportunities to be involved.
- **Mentorship project:** The group met with the Vice President of Programs from Big Brothers and Big Sisters to explore who they could work together. This will be on the all staff/joint children’s meeting for October.

New Business

- **Member updates:** Key-C Green is joining us! Welcome, Key-C!
- **Membership terms:** The CRP should discuss whether we'll have recommended term limits. Mary or Sarah will get a list of everyone's start dates.
- **Trainings:** Jen attended the Alia "10 for 10 for Kids" webinar on August 15. Jan is registered for the September 12 webinar on the "Power of Community Awareness."
Jen and Mary are registered for the October 13 "Why is Minnesota Placing So Many Kids" at Mitchell Hamline.
- **December meeting:** Jen, La Juan, and Dawn will organize this year's gathering. Check your calendars to see if Tuesday, December 12 works for members and spouses/guests.

Washington County Update (Sarah and Nissa)

- The CRP will look at doing Social Worker meetings in March, which is social worker appreciation month. There is currently a lot of transition among supervisors so it would be good to wait to then.
- Washington County will have a levy increase.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- Mary gave us an update and copies of DHS Bulletins on "Prenatal Exposure to Substance Use" and "Overview of 2017 Child Welfare Legislation."

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes by JCD, approved _____