

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018**

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

Members Present:

Jan Hayne, Terri Bottom, Jennifer Dailey, Key-C Green, Dawn Hyland, John Kiedrowski, Mike Loughton, LaJuan McIntyre, County Representatives Nissa Knutson, State Representative Mary Doyle

Absent: Deb Eckberg, Ralph Pennie

Guest: Chris Murphy (CP Intake Supervisor) and Rorie Anders (Social Worker Intern)

Jan chaired the meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m.

December Minutes Approved

Old Business

- **Finals Updates on 2017 Projects**
 - **Permanency Guidelines:** Rorie presented an overview of the project and its findings. The group had a good discussion on a number of topics raised by the project, including the kinship worker’s role, innovations in assisting clients with transportation (Uber gift cards?), how the screening guidelines operate, how interstate compact placements occur, and how quality assurance reviews happen (with an older and a newer worker reviewing 7+ cases to identify gaps and share skills that engage families through an in-depth review of 18 items). The group might invite the kinship worker to a meeting in the future. We are one of the few counties with a kinship worker and could use another, if funds allowed. We have a 50%+ rate of placement with relatives, higher than the State average of closer to 30%.
 - **Big Brothers/Couples:** A PSOP worker will meet with Justin at the end of January.
- **CRP Recruitment** – Continue talking with people who might be interested. The CRP’s role is system assessment and evaluation and public involvement/information sharing.

New Business

- LaJuan will chair the February and March meetings. Good luck, Jan!

- Snack list sent around for 2018. Jen will take minutes when she can.
- 2018 National CRP conference will be June 5-7 at Mackinac Island, MI. Nissa will investigate how much of our state allocation we did not claim in the past. The next year's allocation is \$4,000.
- **Possible Projects for 2018**
 - Social Worker/Staff Appreciation Month in March – Nissa will email possible dates for us to attend staff meetings. We are welcome to bring treats if we wish. Mel wrote a nice thank you letter last year.
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month in April – Jen will research the idea of a poster coloring project and how we could use it to promote child abuse prevention. Ideas included posters/bookmarks/flyers, placing at libraries/stuffing in grocery bags. Also including useful numbers (PSOP, Big Bro/Couples), list of prevention ideas, and possibly a CRP description.
 - Washington County Fair in August
 - Presentation to the group on broader picture of funding and prevention statewide. The current child protection is not sustainable and if we could deal with drug use and mental health issues more proactively, we could prevent a great deal of child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, etc.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- See above on the National CRP conference and the discussion on prevention.

Meeting Adjourned about 6:40 p.m.

Minutes by Jen and LaJuan