

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018**

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

Members Present:

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

Jan chaired the meeting, starting at 5:00 p.m.

March Minutes Approved (no meeting in April)

New Business

- **Trainings Attended** – Jan attended a training by the Steve Rummeler Hope Network on the opioid epidemic and shared resources.
- **2018 projects**
 - **Mentorship Update** – Ralph described how his thinking changed in working on the project and he began to see how those at risk (not just those who experienced trauma) could benefit from mentors such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters and especially Big Couples. Having the Family Assessment and PSOP connected to this resource may be a nice benefit from the work on this.
 - **Child Abuse Prevention Month in April** – The Park Grove Library display was not in the most visible location. We may perhaps invite the Library to a CRP meeting and engage more Kids Clubs, as they benefited from the experience. We can use the pictures the kids drew again for the County Fair display (Jen bring the flyers and LaJuan bring page protectors to the next meeting).
 - **Washington County Fair in August** – The Washington County Fair will be August 1-5 (10 am to 10 pm most days to 8 pm on the last day). We will be sharing a 10x10 space in the building with Community Services. Bring your calendars next month to sign up. The County will also have 2 staff at the table at all times.
 - **Update CRP brochure.** Deb will get us the contact info to update the brochure. CRP funds can be used for this. We may want to consider if funds will be used to cover trainings or special projects (such as focus groups, surveys, etc.).

- **Social media/messaging** – Members discussed the messaging that gets out about child protection work and how valuable it has been to be on the CRP to get better information and undo misconceptions. The County currently has all social media go through the communications department. There are some opportunities for positive messages such as the Foster Care Recognition Event. Washington County has a history of good outcomes they should share, such as the 70% placement with relatives with the assistance of the Kinship Navigator Services.
- **2018 meetings**
 - June – Marvin Davis from DHS
 - July – no meeting
 - August – Lexi from Hope Network
 - September – someone from DHS on ICWA, perhaps Kelly Knutsa
- **Membership** – June is Deb’s last meeting! Length of membership is approximately:
 - Finishing 2nd term – Deb Eckberg
 - 2nd term - Dawn Hyland, Lajuan McIntyre, Mike Laughton
 - 1st term - Jan Hayne, Teri Bottum, Jennifer Dailey, John Kiedrowski, Ralph Pennie
 - New in 1st term - Key-C Green, Amy Berge

Update from Washington County (Sarah and Nissa)

- The County is bringing the crisis response unit in-house for both mental health and child protection emergency response. In the past this has been on contract with Canvas Health. They hope to have more robust response, allowing for shorter response times and allowing more collaboration with schools, hospitals, and law enforcement. 12 staff are anticipated (1 supervisor, 2 lead, and 9 staff).

Update from DHS (Mary)

- New members have been trained.
- Panel discussed the Family First Prevention Services Act and its possible impact.
- The intent is to train CRPs on the collaborative safety model.
- Mary will send the DHS best practices on prenatal exposure.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Minutes by Jen
Snacks by John*