

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018**

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

Members Present:

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

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

June Minutes Approved (no meeting in July)

Guest presenter: Sean O’Donnell, Director of Programs from The Steve Rummeler Hope Network talked with us about their work surrounding opioid addiction.

Hope Network is a 510(c)(3) funded by grants and donations. Their mission is to heighten awareness of the disease of addiction as it relates to the physical and emotional burdens of chronic pain and to improve the associated care process. He walked us through the history of opioids in the U.S., the current statistics surrounding the epidemic, Steve’s battle with chronic pain and death to opioid overdose, Steve’s Law, Penny a Pill proposed legislation, and Hope’s partnerships with the University of Minnesota’s School of Medicine, and current barriers including waiting periods and lack of available evidence based substance addiction treatment. Hope would like to partner with organizations in Washington County on overdose education, advocacy, and naloxone outreach, including hospitals, first responders, law enforcement, jails, libraries, and churches. He noted that Washington County has the 4th or 5th highest rate of opioid deaths from 2000-2016 (99), with 11 deaths in 2016 alone. Overall Minnesota saw 256 opioid deaths in 2016 in the seven county metro area.

Opioid use is in the top four concerns for families involved in the child protection system, along with methamphetamine, alcohol, and mental health. Substance use affects out of home placements which have skyrocketed since 2015. The annual child welfare report discusses substance abuse generally, but does not pull out by substance type. DHS is revamping their dashboard so we can see additional trends. SSIS is more of an electronic records system, not a database for pulling information.

Old Business

- **Washington County Fair** – Jan, Mike, and Jen did a shift at the County Fair with foster care recruitment staff. A long list of names were generated of people who would like more information. A number of others took postcards with upcoming informational

meeting dates. The County Fair and the Strawberry Fest were the best venues for foster care recruitment. Stillwater's Lumberjack Days was not as successful.

- **Membership** - The County is interviewing one potential CRP member next Friday. They have also received one inquiry. The panel is interested in recruiting more males and diversity for the panel and discussed potential sources for recruitment (Care in Action, Parent Leaders of Minnesota Community Caring for Children).
- **Trainings Attended** – Jen attended a training on “Representing Minnesotans in Poverty.”

Update from Washington County (Sarah and Nissa)

- No time for an update this month.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- No time for an update this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Minutes by Jen
Snacks by Key-C*