

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes December 18, 2018**

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

Members Present:

Jan Hayne, Amy Berge, Gracie George, LaJuan McIntyre, County Representatives Nissa Knutson and Sarah Amundson, State Representative Mary Doyle

Members absent:

Teri Bottum, Mike Laughton, Key-C Green, Dawn Highland

Resigning:

Jennifer Dailey

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

November Minutes Approved

New Business

Jan requested that all members submit accomplishments and commitments from the past year to her for inclusion in the annual report. They could be accomplishments of the panel, personal accomplishments or submitting an idea for a speaker, etc.

- Discussion about the speakers (on SoWashCo and ICWA) from the November meeting followed. The panel felt that the speakers had stimulated lots of ideas for future work. LaJuan suggested attending SoWashCo food packing events as a group.
- Nissa provided an update on the pizza coupons for foster families. Local merchants were very generous and often donated additional coupons. Nissa has sent the coupons to 74 foster families and she has coupons left over for other events, etc.
- Other ideas for using the pizza coupons included a party at Pizza Ranch for foster youth, or a banquet for foster parents at Pizza Ranch with door prizes. The coupons don't expire for a year so there is time to plan. Panel members can also ask for more in a few months. Nissa will check on the availability of door prizes.
- Next year the staff could put the coupons in the Thanksgiving card and only have to mail one time. Families could still use them during the holiday season.
- Other accomplishments from 2018 included, the Kids club child abuse prevention drawings and display, the county fair display, reconsideration reviews done by panel members, the presentation on opioid drug use, the framing presentation and the idea of the panel developing an promoting a positive way to discuss the work done in child protection.

Update from Washington County (Sarah and Nissa)

- No update this month.

Update from DHS (Mary)

- No updates this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Upcoming meeting: January 15, 2019 5:00 pm

Minutes by Mary