

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019**

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

Members Present:

Jan Hayne, KeyC Green, LaJuan McIntyre, Amy Berge, Dawn Hyland, Mike Laughton, Gracie George, County Representative Sarah Amundson, State Representative Mary Doyle

Members absent:

Teri Bottum, Nissa Knutson

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

January Minutes Approved (LaJuan/Sarah)

Old Business

Sarah Amundson shared the Crisis Response Unit PowerPoint. CRU officially opened 1/1/19. The phone number is 651-275-7400. To date there have been 519 adult calls (age 18+) and 163 child-related calls (up to age 17). Many calls are from clients with persistent mental illness. Their motto/philosophy is “Go out, go out, go out.” Calls from folks outside Washington County are generally transferred to the appropriate county, but won’t turn away someone in need. Let Sarah know if there are community groups that should be made aware of services offered. Share phone number wherever you can. Can we use CRP monies for CRU magnets?

CRP membership – Two interviews scheduled, with possibility of one more. We all need to continue to look for interested candidates. State requires us to have a minimum of 7 members. Dawn and _____ are leaving CRP in June due to term limits. Will update CRP brochure with membership changes again this summer after recruitment and departures.

KIDS Club art project – Amy will take the lead on this project through her work in Stillwater Schools. She’s having a meeting with supervisor of Stillwater Adventure Club. Sarah will get Amy the binder with last year’s kid art. Sarah will also send Jan a kid art image or two for inclusion as attachments with the Annual Report.

April child abuse prevention month library displays and CRP assist with So WashCo CARES are tabled to discuss at March meeting as Nissa has contacts/lead and she’s on vacation. Nissa can order prevention pinwheels from MCCC.

Mike will draft a CP staff appreciation letter and bring to March meeting for all CRP members to sign as a thank you to social worker teams instead of treats this year.

Jan will take the lead on 2019 pizza project. CRP members will collect pizza donations county-wide in October so they can be mailed with the Thanksgiving cards sent to foster care providers in early November and avoid having to do a duplicate mailing.

Framing project/CP positive media messaging – Mary will share project planning toolkit for further discussion at next meeting.

New Business

Reviewed draft of 2018 Annual Report as a group and gave input. Possible dates for Jan to present highlights to the County Board are Tuesdays, March 12, 19, or 26 at 9AM.

Update from Washington County (Sarah, Nissa) – Child welfare disparity group grant may be available. In the past we’ve used this grant for an educational way/or targeted group with YMCA, but now we’d like to use it with community events.

- “Mandated training” (outreach in communities of color)
- “Meet and greets” within the county and focus on material to share at those places to engage, have social gatherings

Update from DHS (Mary) – Governor’s budget for child protection has zero dollars allotted.

- Cultural competency training at U of MN, April 18, 2019, 8:30AM – Noon, Cost \$25.
- Children’s Justice Initiative Training – If child’s case goes to court, foster parents can put their names on the list to testify as to how the child is doing.
- Watch for invitation regarding the Annual Joint meeting in early April, 3-6PM, likely at Cottage Grove Service Center. We will learn more about the basic philosophy of the Collaborative Safety model currently being used by DHS, MN counties and tribes. A light super will be served. Also will be some time to meet and get to know CRP members from around the state.

Upcoming Meeting:

March 19, 2019, 5:00PM, Woodbury Library Services Office, Lower level

Minutes by Dawn, Snacks by LaJuan/Mike