

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

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

Members Present:

Jan Hayne, Dawn Hyland, Mike Laughton, Gracie George, Teri Bottum, LaJuan McIntyre, Amy Berge, Wayne (guest of MEL w/ interest in joining CRP), County Representative Nissa Knutson, County Representative Sarah Amundson, State Representative Mary Doyle

Members Absent:

KeyC Green

Jan chaired the meeting (5pm)

February Minutes Approved

Old Business

Discussed HBO documentary, *Foster*, which focuses on the needs of youths in foster care. Screening is Monday, April 22 at the Landmark Lagoon Cinema. Limited access.

2018 Annual report compiled by Jan is scheduled for presentation to Commissioners on March 26.

CRP Membership: Two candidates have been interviewed with offers extended. One additional interview is scheduled. Additional applications have been sent out. Sources of candidates include: Twitter, Facebook, SoWashCo Newsletter, Word of Mouth.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Library Displays: Nissa is fronting the effort, focusing on larger libraries (Forest Lake, Cottage Grove, Woodbury), smaller displays. Theme: Protective Factors. Elements: pinwheels, books, posters, art projects, booklet *2019 Prevention Resource Guide*.

KIDS Club Art Projects (Stillwater Adventure Club): Amy discussed the need for a release form/letter to send to families to elicit permission to participate. Focus of projects: Kids being safe/What makes a strong family.

CRP Staff Appreciation Letter: A stellar effort written by MEL.

Pizza Project: Jan is working on the form to record information about donors/donations.

SoWashCo Cares: Amy and Cheryl will connect: Goal is to provide services to relieve stress, preventing a fall into the system.

Update on training plans/participation. Mary would like all CRP members to consider attending the Joint Meeting on Collaborative Safety Process to be held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 3-6PM at the Cottage Grove Service Center. Please RSVP to her email.

New Business

Sarah discussed the opportunity to apply for a Disparity in Child Welfare Grant. Goal is to partner with divisions across child welfare/public health to focus on a whole family/early intervention approach

(specifically low income families with pregnancy and/or young children). Target areas are hard to reach communities (provide access to families to apply for services). The grant would allow work that fits well with existing programs (prevention programs for the county). This project is in the planning stages.

*Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Minutes: T. Bottum

Snacks: Jan