

**Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection
Meeting Minutes April 16, 2019**

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

Members Present:

Mike Laughton, Teri Bottum, Amy Berge, Jan Hayne, Key-C Green, Dawn Hyland, LaJuan McIntyre, County Representative Nissa Knutson, County Representative Sarah Amundson, State Representative Mary Doyle, (New Members) Susannah Barnes, Pam Clifton, Jody Koch

This meeting is Key-C Green’s last CRP meeting, as she has relocated out of Washington County.

Members Absent: Gracie George

Jan chaired the meeting (5pm)

March Minutes/April Agenda Approved (LaJuan/Mike)

Old Business

Jan presented the CRP 2018 Annual Report to the Washington County Board of Commissioners on March 26, 2019. Sarah and Nissa also attended. The report was well received. Commissioner Lisa Weik asked a question about whether we had looked at the impact of ‘sex trafficking’ on child protection. Jan stated we had a speaker present to the CRP on this topic in 2017, but with some turnover in CRP members we could look at possibly addressing the topic again later this year. There was also a question about 5+ children as one of the DHS risk factors for child protection. Jan shared that it was the accumulation of risk factors, especially in single parent families or when poverty is also present.

New Business

We welcomed the three new CRP members and they shared a bit about their work and interest in being on the CRP. All of the new candidates learned about the CRP from social media. Two new members are from Hugo, an area not currently represented on the CRP.

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The Stillwater Kids Adventure Club Art Project Display is up at the Woodbury Library as part of the Child Abuse Awareness Month displays at Woodbury, Cottage Grove, and Forest Lake Libraries. Librarians pulled relevant books to be displayed as well.

Commissioner Miron wanted to invite all of the CRP members to the Foster Care Recognition Event.

Amy has not had the conversation with South Washington County Cares so this item will be tabled until next month. One of the new members asked what SoWashCoCares was, and Nissa explained the program for them.

Amy was contacted by the store Five Below (Stillwater Marketplace). The store donated hats, mittens and other items to Stillwater Schools.

Reframing

We watched a short video about Toxic Stress and a short video about Building Core Capabilities in kids and families, then discussed the way the community views and we talk about child abuse. Jan and Mary would like to do a project around reframing this year. Discussion ensued about who would like to volunteer for this project.

Update from Washington County (Sarah, Nissa)

Sarah gave an update on the current Child Welfare Disparity Grant, which ends in June. Team work is being done around equity scorecard work with the YWCA Minneapolis as a final project under the grant. Community Services will look at future grant opportunities to continue to address disparity work.

Community Services has applied for a grant opportunity called 2 Gen. We are waiting to hear if we receive this funding. This grant would give the department the opportunity for more early intervention work with high risk families.

Update from DHS (Mary)

Mary showed the group samples of Chisago County's info cards they created for their CRP. It was suggested that the cards, updated for Washington County, be printed at the same time as we update our CRP brochure with the new and departing members. Pam asked if there is an internet safety course in Washington County or could we print it on the back of our cards that will be created?

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting:

May 21, 2019, 5:00PM, Woodbury Library Services Office, Lower level

Minutes by LaJuan, Snacks by Mary