

WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL (“CRP”)

MINUTES FROM CRP MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

MEETING LOCATION: Woodbury Stafford Library, Lower Level Meeting Room

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The CRP held a meeting on September 17, 2019 from 5PM to 6:30PM, opened by Chair, Jan Hayne, who reiterated that all voices have value in this group and are encouraged to speak up.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:** Jan Hayne, Amy Berge, Gracie George, Jody Koch, Pam Clifton, Teri Bottum, Susannah Barnes, Ann Mozey, Mary Doyle, Nissa Knutson, and Sarah Amundson were present. There were no absences.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:** Ann moved to approve the August minutes and the motion was seconded by Teri; approval was unanimous by all present.
- 5) **SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** The group continues to seek male board members, there being none currently, and broader representation from people of color to increase diversity of thought, ideas, and experience.
- 6) **PIZZA DONATIONS FOR FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS:** The pizza project is an existing and successful collaboration started in 2018 between the CRP and the local business community. Nissa will provide list of prior pizza vendors who participated. Jan will provide the form letter to reach out which can be tweaked for the area where donations are being solicited and for the person soliciting donations. County staff send thank you cards to foster care providers each year around Thanksgiving and they would like to include the pizza donations in those cards instead of doing a separate mailing as was done in 2018. The following CRP members agreed to reach out in the following areas of the County:

Ann – Forest Lake
Pam – Hugo
Mike (past CRP member) – southern part of Washington County
Jan – Stillwater
Gracie – Woodbury
Jody – as needed
- 7) **PROMOTING PROACTIVE RESOURCES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY:** Amy brought up an important value to support families in our community in crisis, asking for support and suggestions as to what can be done, and what specifically is lacking. Ann raised the issue of HF501 and the state funding that was lost in 2018 for the statewide Crisis Connection hotline that had been in existence for 50 years, the last decade through Canvas Health, locally. Ann agreed to follow-up on the status of this issue with Canvas Health and local representative

Shelly Christensen. Other suggestions made by Amy include parenting seminars. There is a crisis line Crisis Response Unit that Washington County is running, but the need is “bursting at the seams,” according to Sarah. Tubman has resources, and works with Washington County specifically. Church groups and the federal program, Families First, are organizations that may be interested and/or are doing proactive work and prevention in the community, where there is always room for improvement, potentially also reform. The question asked was, “What do we want to do in Washington County?” Mary agreed to provide CRP members with guidelines and project suggestions to clarify our scope and purpose further given that many are new to this process.

- 8) **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:** Washington County Community Circle, Inc. (WCCC) is a resource in the community that could be utilized with regard to #7.

Ann advised the group of a new pilot program with WCCC, Pete Orput, and the Woodbury police to address certain perpetrators caught in stings involving sex trafficking in Washington County. Nissa to forward the WCCC newsletter with training opportunity for board members interested in participating on October 3.

- 9) **FILE REVIEW ON WHY CASES ARE REOPENING:** Nissa brought up a serious concern that Washington County would appreciate our assistance in analyzing: “Why a statistically significant number of cases are reopening after being closed?” The ask of us is a file review, including what services were offered, what went wrong, and who is dropping the ball? This will be a 2020 project.
- 10) **REFRAMING LANGUAGE:** The question of reframing language for the words “Child Protection,” was raised, specifically if it would be helpful to change the words to encourage people to take better advantage of the services that are offered, to reduce stigma, and to increase community support.
- 11) **CRP RETREAT:** Instead of the annual Spring meeting that Mary hosts for CRPs, Children’s Justice Act Task Force, Child Mortality Review Panel, and Parent Leadership Team, the well-received suggestion that Mary brought forward is to have instead a retreat that would bring the five (5) CRPs in Minnesota together with speakers to maximize the opportunity for CRPs to collaborate better on important issues. Watch for info from Mary regarding possible dates and location.
- 12) **ADJOURN:** At 6:30PM the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Ann Mozey.