

## Washington County Citizen Review Panel Minutes December 10, 2013

Present: Deb Eckberg, Marty Gerkey, Guy Sederski, Dawn Hyland, Rick Backman, Don Pelton, Anita Keyes, Aine Bebeau, LuJuan McIntyre, Maggie Hart, past members Melissa Ronés and Sue Lewis and several guests of the members. Our annual holiday meeting was held at Dock Café, Stillwater, MN.

Meeting called to order by chair, Guy Sederski.

November minutes was moved for approval by Dawn and seconded by Deb. Minutes were approved by vote.

\*Update from Washington County Community Services:

Rick reported as of next Monday, Children's Services will now be fully staffed. The latest hired is a social worker who has worked in a community center and also supervised Family Assessment contracted services for a metro county. Rick also acknowledged the wonderful work of the panel over this last year and thanked all present. He indicated he is retiring and his last meeting will be February. Don provided a brief update and noted there were no reconsiderations requested in the last month. He also acknowledged the Panel's work over this last year.

\*Update from DHS:

Anita acknowledged the work of the panel and expressed her appreciation to all. She noted the annual report was revised based on feedback from the members/staff. Anita thanked Rick for his dedication to Children's Services and for his work with the Panel since 1999.

\*Old Business:

2013 CRP Annual Report was moved by Marty for approval and seconded by Maggie. Annual Report was approved by vote.

Discussion about our next focus topic: It was decided Anita would contact the Community Cafes resource person and invite her to the January meeting.

Future topics for 2014 include learning more about incarcerated parents who also have a child(ren) in the child protection system. NOTE: Children's Services is currently surveying staff to determine how many families are affected. Another topic was Trauma Informed Practice, 2 tools will soon be available to assess this area. The CRP anticipates examining these tools in early 2014.

\*New Business:

Community Cafes for the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Richard Backman