

Washington County Citizen Review Panel for Child Protection

Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014

Present: Sarah Amundson, Aine Bebeau, Deb Eckberg, Marty Gerkey, Mel Laughton, LaJuan McIntyre, Guy Sederski, Nissa Knutson, Maggie Hart, Julia Welter

Absent: Dawn Hyland, Gina Kuchenmeister, Nancy Zupfer

1. Approval of May minutes
 - a. May minutes were approved.
2. Update from Washington County (Sarah)
 - a. Mary Farmer-Kubler will be replacing Don Pelton. Megan Roy will be replacing Sarah. Approximate start date for both July 7. Additional hires are moving forward. Sarah and Nissa will be county contacts for CRP.
 - b. Budget process is moving forward. Intake unit is hoping to add kinship worker to improve relative placements. Washington County is at 50% relative placement with national average at 45%. There were 40 child assessments in May.
 - c. Mandated reporting team to be assembled by County. Mary Farmer-Kubler will handle mortality review. County has submitted child mortality review data for continuing Star Tribune coverage.
 - d. September CRP meeting to be attended by three individuals who have completed EC Mental Health Certificate Program.
 - e. Board approval for new CRP members to be completed by July 1.

i. Guy inquired about access to Child Welfare Data at DHS website. Sarah explained system; Nissa pulled up data and system functioned as intended.

3. Update from DHS

a. Last meeting for Anita and Aine will be August. Date to be determined and potluck is planned.

i. August CRP meeting will include naming of new Chair and Officers. Three members leaving next year (Guy, Maggie and Marty); new members will be sought.

4. New Business

a. Judge's Bench- Maggie and Marty reported that bench card is too lengthy and are attempting to shorten or have card used in a different way. Marty stated that the inclusion of families as well as children is important in information provided to judges.

b. Discussion was held regarding educational/training event with judges. Marty spoke of the need for advance planning. Sarah brought up possibility of acquiring trainer. Children's Justice Initiative (CJI) could be involved. September meeting could be attended by various groups including Canvas Health and County. Sarah will inquire and report back. Guardian ad Litem are another system that could be involved; Nancy Zupfer may have connections to include them in future training event as well.