

Washington County Citizens Review Panel

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

November 17, 2015

- **Attendance:**
 - Members present: Lajuan McIntyre, Julia Welter, Nancy Zupfer, Nissa Knutson, Mary Doyle, Sarah Amundson, Mel Laughton, Bonnie Treacy, Deb Eckberg (Chairperson)
 - Members absent: Dawn Hyland
- **Approval of October, 2015 minutes**
 - October, 2015 minutes were approved.
- **Update from Washington County (Sarah, Nissa)**
 - Nissa will present Power Point presentation of new Washington County CRP training material at January, 2016 meeting.
- **Update from DHS (Mary)**
 - CRP Training is set for Nov. 30, 2015
- **Old Business**
 - Duffle Bag project updates:
 - Review of what we have collected—50 bags/personal hygiene items and socks to fill at least 50 bags
 - Discussion of what is still needed—Mike is going to face Black Friday at Menards to get blankets, etc. Go Mike!!!!
 - Deb will get her daughter’s theater group involved for possibly more bags/donations
 - Pamphlets
 - Deb reported she is waiting for a draft and will present when she has it
 - Community partners
 - Discussion regarding what we can/should ask of community partners
 - Sarah explains why we cannot/should not ask for or accept cash donations
 - Julia reported on contact she has made and will follow up on with St. Croix Foundation
- **New Business**
 - Recruitment of new members
 - Lajuan reported on a possible new recruit Tom Layman
 - Discussion about approach to recruitment
 - Local Newspapers
 - Pioneer Press (Sunday edition)
 - Discussion about possible new ideas for involvement of community partners
 - This will be addressed in a brainstorming session in January

- Some suggestions were to approach community organizations and faith communities
- Some possible activities for these groups include “skate nights” etc.
- Future planning for the CRP
 - Possible use of local papers for community outreach
 - Profiles
 - Possible weekly column in local papers
 - Use of small town newsletters for recruitment
 - Planning for next year Nancy suggested we have dual tracks: Community outreach/education and project that evaluates or serves to improve Wash Co CP
- Holiday Party
 - Mallards
 - December 15th at 5 PM
 - Address for Mallards: 101 5th Ave S. Bayport, MN
- Annual Report
 - Deb will have draft ready before Holiday Party in December
 - Mary reports she needs a final draft in January
- New Snack/Minutes sign up

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

- **Next Meeting:** December 15, 2015 at 5 p.m. (Mallards).