

## Chisago County Citizen Review Panel

February 7, 2023, 12:00-2:00 PM

Present:

- Chisago County: Todd, Chris, Karlene
- State (DHS, OAIF): Sarah, Vicki, Jill
- Community panel members: Debby, Karen, Allyssa

### Meeting Minutes

- Welcome and intros
- Annual CRP report reviewed by members, submitted to DHS, will be posted on [MN DHS website](#) (scroll down to “Citizen Review Panels” to see 2019, 2020, and 2021 reports)
- Maltreatment reconsideration discussion
  - December recon: finding was upheld by panel and county
  - Resume practice of having post-recon discussion at panel meetings following panel review of recon
  - Discussed ways to identify conflict of interest earlier on in the process
- Panel project discussion
  - Purpose/scope
    - Founding federal law for panels: [Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act](#) (CAPTA) states, “Each panel...shall, by examining the policies, procedures, and practices of State and local agencies and where appropriate, specific cases, evaluate the extent to which State and local child protection system agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities...”
    - [Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 15](#) states that panels “examine the policies and procedures of state and local welfare agencies to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities.”
    - Minnesota CRP **mission**: “To ensure Minnesota’s child welfare systems are protecting children”
    - Chisago County CRP **mission**: “To provide an opportunity for citizens to play a role in ensuring children are protected from abuse and neglect, and to encourage and help build nurturing homes for children in our communities.”
    - Minnesota CRP **vision**: “Community members are powerful partners in shaping local and statewide child welfare policy and practice.”
  - Other States’ panel projects examples
    - Maryland: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/citizens-review-board-for-children/publications/>
    - Pennsylvania: <http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/CRP/AnnualReports.html>
    - New York: <https://citizenreviewpanelsny.org/annual-report/>
  - Ideas
    - Case studies
    - County surveys
    - Support CP workforce
    - Others?

- ***NEXT STEP: community members do a meet n greet in person (without county/state staff present) to discuss interests, ideas, panel leadership***
- Panel leadership needed (only community members are eligible)
  - Recommended to have two co-chairs
  - Duties include
    - Assist with panel meeting preparation/agenda in collaboration with DHS/Chisago
    - Preside over meetings
    - Submit annual CRP report in collaboration with panel members
  - Panel chairs often attend the National CRP Conference (eligible expenses reimbursable with CRP funds)
- Sarah accepted new position at DHS; Vicki will return to provide coverage support

## Next Meeting

- April 4, 2023, 12:00-2:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays every other month)
  - Move forward with panel project
  - Elect panel leadership?