



Region IV Citizen Review Panel
707 N. Armstrong Pl, Boise, ID 83704
White Pine
Thursday, March 10, 2022
9:00 am – 10:00 am MT

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 857 8688 8806 **Passcode:** 416127

Members: Brian McCauley, Allison Berkson, Britney Journee, Kym Nilsen, Nicole Noltensmeyer
Shannon McCarthy

Guest: Merritt Dublin

Staff: Courtney Boyce (CDH), Teresa Balsz (CDH)

Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Brian McCauley, the Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The Panel interviewed Merritt Dublin, a voluntary member applicant for the Region IV Citizen Review Panel.

Merritt Dublin attended the College of New Mexico and is a graduate from the law school with the University of Arizona. Merritt has served in various child welfare roles, including supervision positions in Arizona as well as a volunteer with different groups and coalitions. Merritt has volunteered as a lawyer with Family Advocacy, Attorney Advisory Committee. She offered to present pro-bono cases and guardian ad litem cases.

A Panel asked Merritt to share her experiences with law enforcement. Merritt shared her experiences with Idaho State Police as an attorney in Meridian. A Panel asked what Merritt is interested in doing in her work with the Panel. Merritt discussed that she wants to improve the system, and wants to see where she can help and determine Panel priorities. In ongoing discussions regarding her experience, Merritt shared she has resources in Arizona she can share, if requested, with the Panel. The Panel discussed the Idaho Statewide CRP Leadership Conference calls, as an opportunity to learn from other regional CRPs. They meet quarterly to discuss statewide directives.

Merritt asked what each of the panel members had at the top of their agenda items. Topics of discussion included rural child welfare concerns, resources, child welfare prevention efforts, e-Cabinet accessibility and case review flow, improved transparency, determining level of care for placements, and child fatality process and procedures within DHW.

The Panel has another candidate to interview. The Public Health District Liaison will follow up with candidates.

Adjourn

Brian McCauley, the Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

Meeting minutes prepared by Teresa Balsz