



**Region IV Citizen Review Panel**  
**707 N. Armstrong Pl, Boise, ID 83704**  
**Syringa Room**  
**Friday, March 11, 2022**  
**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm 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

**Guest:** Katie Fidrych

**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 3:00pm. The Panel interviewed Katie Fidrych, a voluntary member applicant for the Region IV Citizen Review Panel.

Katie Fidrych graduated from the University of Denver with a major in Social Work. She is a licensed social worker and works with Casey Family Programs, a national operating program. She has previous experience working with victims of human trafficking and domestic violence, and case management. Katie shared in her current line of work, they strive to make data-driven decisions and identify child welfare trends. Katie discussed activities related to child welfare prevention. Katie discussed there may be a conflict of interest with her current role, if the Panel participates in lobbying. The Panel discussed the differences in applying as a voluntary member applicant, as a representative of an organization and as an independent citizen.

Katie discussed challenges in child welfare including a limited number of foster homes, difficulties finding placements for teenagers, and needing more supports from people who are bilingual and people of color. Katie has trauma certifications on personal trauma and healing care.

Katie asked the Panel what they identify as their mission and/or goals for the success of the Panel. The Panel discussed increased communication, transparency, improve case review process, understanding systemic trends and issues such as childhood fatalities, and improving rural child welfare conditions.

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 3:50pm.

*Meeting minutes prepared by Teresa Balsz*