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