



**Region IV Citizen Review Panel
707 N. Armstrong Pl, Boise, ID 83704
Bluebird**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Members: Brian McCauley, Allison Berkson, Nicole Noltensmeyer, Alisha Merrill

Absent: Britney Journee, Shannon McCarthy, Merritt Dublin

Staff: Jason Shaw, Courtney Boyce (CDH), Rachel Peace, Lance McCleve (DHW)

Call Meeting to Order

Brian McCauley, the Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Motion: Brian made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as written. Allison seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Motion: Brian made a motion to approve the July agenda as written. Allison seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Office of Performance Evaluations Questions

The Panel introduced themselves to Rachel Peace, the new Department of Health & Welfare Liaison for the Region 4 Citizens Review Panel.

CRP Legislation Update Proposal

The Panel shared information they received from their Senator when discussing the proposed legislative update. The District Director for CDH discussed the current funding situation for the Panels with the Directors of the other Health Districts, and it was agreed to propose to the Panel the idea of setting up a contract to obtain administrative support services from a third party to achieve cost savings while still accomplishing the mission the Panels were given. The Panel agreed to this idea and discussed ideas for potential partners to work with. The criteria to be used to select an organization were also discussed.

Administrative Updates

Lance shared information on technological updates being made for the CRP. He also provided answers to questions the Panel had for him on gathering information on cases. A list of the information requested and who controls that piece of data is below. Jason then updated the panel on the status of the Fiscal Year 23 Q4 Quarterly Report for DHW. The newest Panel member shared an update on her background check to be able to participate in the Executive Sessions.

Level of aggregation (State, region, case, etc.)	Information requested	Agency owner.	
Each case sent to the panel	All prior and current safety referrals for each primary caregiver of the child of concern	IDHW	
	Basic timeline data	IDHW	
	Case file cover sheet	IDHW	
	Count of placements for each case	IDHW	
	Count of safety referrals for each case	IDHW	
	How many social workers have been assigned during the pendency of the case	IDHW	
	Prior times child of concern was in care	IDHW	
	Prior times siblings of child of concern were in care	IDHW	
	Prior times siblings of concern was in care	IDHW	
	Prior times siblings or child of concern were in care	IDHW	
	School changes during the pendency of the case	IDHW	
	Summary of when TPRs are filed	Complex	
	Aggregate, periodic, or one-time	Foster parent stats (including still active and those who have left) i.e. how many years as foster parent, how many cases, how long avg child in home, max foster children in home at any one time, when they started and when they ended	IDHW
		How many cases include drug/alcohol use of primary caregiver(s) as contributing factor of removal, failure to reunite, delay in reunification, reentry into care after reunification	IDHW
How many reunifications result in a return to care within 1 year, 2 years, 3 years etc...		IDHW	
list of the current reports and data that Admin and caseworkers are able to access		IDHW	
Outcomes of DHW recommendations vs Judges decisions		Complex	
Summary of IDHW foster-parent survey results		IDHW	
System-wide summary of legal and/or CASA representation, how many had it vs how many didn't		Complex	
Unsure	Top reasons foster families are leaving foster care (exit interview results)	IDHW	
	Asked about seeing attorney representation reports. Specific title for GAL--no available option for attorney report. Maybe no label, maybe not in file.	Complex	
	The panel had talked about sending out a survey of their own.	Complex	

CRP Recommendation Update

The Panel has no recommendations to make at this time.

Update on Discussion with Cameron

The Panel spoke with Cameron regarding a possible conflict of interest on a case the Panel is reviewing. The Panel will discuss the situation at the next meeting to determine if a conflict exists, and determine how to move forward. The possibility of having the Panel from another region review the case instead. The Panel also discussed the possibility of inviting Judge Ellis to a future meeting. It was also requested to add five minutes on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss a financial update.

Guardianship Problems

The Panel discussed a case they found that involved a family that went into guardianship, but then had funding removed. The family was unaware this would happen. The Panel discussed

the current standing of the guardianship program, and the gaps in public awareness of the program that exist at this time. They also discussed the different ways the court systems are structured in the various counties and how cases are handled.

Executive Session

The Panel chose not to go into Executive Session as this would require them to lose quorum. The Panel discussed cases without going into specifics and breaching confidentiality requirements.

Adjourn

Brian McCauley, Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Jason Shaw