



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

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Members: Brian McCauley, Allison Berkson, Nicole Noltensmeyer, Britney Journee, Shannon McCarthy, Merritt Dublin

Absent: Alisha Merrill

Staff: Jason Shaw, Courtney Boyce (CDH), Niki Flock, Heather Slavin (DHW), Amanda Bartlett (OPE)

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 May meeting minutes as written. Britney seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

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

Office of Performance Evaluations Meeting

Amanda Bartlett, from the Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations, attended the meeting to discuss questions her office has for the Citizen Review Panel regarding the state of the foster system in Idaho. She gave a brief overview of the office and their mission, how it is tasked and given priorities by the Legislature, and its history of evaluations of the child welfare system. OPE is currently working on a follow-up to a report they completed in 2017 to see what changes may have taken place. Amanda discussed how they plan on gathering information and input from the community and each of the Citizen Review Panels. Each member of the Panel was given time to discuss their concerns and areas they would like to see included in the next report. Amanda will be emailing the Panel a list of questions, and requested the Panel respond as a group.

Department of Health & Welfare Updates

Heather shared a slideshow containing updates at the Department of Health & Welfare that was shared at the Annual Idaho Foster Care Conference in April. Updates included legislative changes and how they impact foster parents, a rewrite of child care licensing rules, an increase to foster parent reimbursement rates, and rules on the usage of Federal funding. The results of the Foster Parent Survey that DHW conducted were shared as well.

Administrative Updates

The Panel agreed to work on individual responses to the questions Amanda has for the Panel, and to aggregate their responses at the July meeting to send back to Amanda.

Courtney shared the reformatted legislation update proposal. The Panel and Courtney discussed the proposal, the challenges that spurred the proposal, and possible solutions to those challenges. The Panel requested Russ Duke, the Director of Central District Health, attend the next meeting to further discuss this if possible.

CRP Recommendation Updates

Due to previous items on the agenda taking longer than anticipated, the Panel did not discuss recommendation updates.

Executive Session

Due to previous items on the agenda taking longer than anticipated, the Panel did not go into Executive Session.

Adjourn

Brian McCauley, Region IV Citizen Review Panel Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Jason Shaw