

Chisago County Citizen Review Panel Meeting Minutes

December 5, 12:00-2:30 PM

Present: Chisago County: Todd McMurry, Lisa Lundgren and Karlene Smith | DHS: Laura Gapske | Community panel members: Karen Kennedy, Carol Schumann (Chair), Debby Kerschner and Nancy Grossmann | Virtual: Peter Grund and Jill Esch

YELLOW = ACTION ITEM

Citizen Review Panel Purpose and Founding federal law for panels: Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act (CAPTA) states, “Each panel...shall, by examining the policies, procedures, and practices of the State.

Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 15 states that panels “examine the policies and procedures of state and local welfare agencies to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities.”

Chisago County CRP mission: “To provide an opportunity for citizens to play a role in ensuring children are protected from abuse and neglect, and to encourage and help build nurturing homes for children in our communities.”

Minnesota CRP vision: “Community members are powerful partners in shaping local and statewide child welfare policy and practice.”

I. Welcome and introductions:

- Introductions
- Reminder of National Conference: Potentially Karen and/or Chisago staff may attend.

II. Special Guest: Taylor Lambrecht with MN BCA

- Internet safety and sextortion education (see PPT attached)

III. Recruitment and Appointment Process Update:

- Applications have been received by
 1. Nancy Grossmann
 2. Peter Grund
 3. Karen Kennedy
 4. Deborah Kerschner

- 5. Carol Schumann
- 6. VACANT
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- There are two vacancies to fill and have apply to the SOS Boards and Commissions website: [Board/Commission Details \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/Board/Commission/Details)
- Recruitment ideas
 - 1. Newspaper article
 - Nancy and Carol will reach out to Matthew Star to seek if they will do an interview for free in the newspaper prior to the Holidays. All will be invited to partake in the interview. This will help the community understand the panel as well that they can be involved.
- Update on appointment process and DHS recruitment efforts
 - 1. DHS will share social media post and language with Todd to share with the Chisago County media person and create a ticket.

IV. Reconsideration and Child Mortality Review

- The last reconsideration involved egregious physical abuse which was difficult to review for all involved.
- In the future:
 - Todd will provide more context around the case prior to the reconsideration so that members can decide if they have the mental capacity for the level of harm involved.
 - Gapske will offer a debrief for members shortly after the reconsideration so that members are able to talk about their emotions and the impact after it. It will be held virtually.
 - Gapske is always available to debrief with panel members after a reconsideration one-on-one

V. Project Identification and Planning:

- See attachments from outreach to school on child abuse reporting policies and body safety education
 - North Branch-NO RESPONSE
 - Chisago Lake Schools-Standard reporting policy and ESL but no direct body safety ed.
 - St. Croix River Educational District
 - Rush City-NO RESPONSE
- Discussion about Child Abuse Prevention Month in April
- Share the Safe and Strong Child Abuse Prevention Curriculum with districts? Help from Minnesota Children’s Alliance and First Witness Child Advocacy Center
- (TABLED) DHS aligned project working with school districts on mandatory reporting efforts
 - Data from DHS shared in SSIS
 - Data from MDE shared
- (TABLED)Next steps for recommendations which meet criteria?

VI. **Annual Report:**

- Deadline January 31, 2023
- Carol and Todd will work on completed this year's report. It will highlight the 7 cases of reconsideration

VII. **Next Meeting:**

Date: February 6, 2023, 12:00-2:00pm (1st Tuesday every other month)

Location: Hybrid

In-person: conference 150B room, Chisago County Government Center, Center City, MN

Virtual: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDg5ZWE0MDAtYzY3Yy00MDIILThkODItNDcyMmRjNTM1NmJi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22eb14b046-24c4-4519-8f26-b89c2159828c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b57c8b63-675f-4c8d-9c46-84ab1f089826%22%7d)

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