

Citizen Review Panel Purpose per Federal and State requirements:

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Panel members help improve child welfare practices and policies by:

- *Examining specific child welfare cases, including active or closed cases, maltreatment reconsiderations, child fatality and near fatality cases*
- *Providing independent insight for improvement*
- *Providing feedback to key leaders on the internal workings of the child protection system*
- *Participating in educational events, including a national conference for Citizen Review Panel members*
- *Receiving ongoing support, training and organizational updates from county and state staff.*

Panel members play an integral role in ensuring that the child protection system protects children from abuse and neglect. They also help identify and eliminate racial disparities in the system.

Agenda: Hennepin County Citizen Review Panel

Date: 6/16/2025

- I. **Welcome - Food and social time - 15 mins and updates:**
- II. **Presentation: Young leaders from the Hennepin County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Project Lola Adebara P4P- Partners For Permanence- work with FC Youth 16 yrs or older-in Foster Care. Clients can always come back for help, no cutoff date. – P4P provides training for FC CPSW's**
Two former P4P clients are Chris and Lisa are now on staff, they brief told us about coming through the Foster Care system working and working with P4P staff as youth, and they are now themselves staff at P4P- They learned real life skills by working with P4P mentors. How to share their story, gained people skills, they learned about identity, leadership skills, had mentors who are readily available, how to overcome trauma thru training with safe folks. How to be an advocate for self, about the whole Foster Care system by going to court hearings etc, about FC polices, how to support others. Working with County in many ways.
Barriers for youth to make transition: Need to start life skills training, planning there at 14yr old, not at 17. HC Independent Living Skills (ILS) is just a check list, not well thought out, doesn't really help kids, need to build rapport with kids. Youth in Transition program is helpful- but need to push and do these conferences regular. Kids can invite any caring adult to come to these conferences. P4P is voluntary program, they walk with FC kids through all real-life situations. P4P doesn't let kids down, they do not tell kids what they should do. Let kids grow into who they really are.
- III. **2025 Summit August 7th 2025 9:30am-3pmTown Square Tower Conference Room 445 Minnesota St St Paul, MN 55101**
- IV.
- V. **Updates from Hennepin County staff**

VI. **Afton Delgado and Dominique—native Amer coordination, will have Summer Intern, Father Project-picnic engage with Fathers will be in community at Picnic. Forum on July 24th. Trying to make sure the community is engaged, what can we do to help with transition. Marquita Ryan- working with Latin and east African Communities. Also West African , helping staff to lean more. Father Project.**

VII. **Cathy Spann- we need to communicate with P4P folks, get them info about all of HC events.**

VIII. **Updates from DCYF: Foster Care is a new focus**

- a. Legislative
- b. CFSR Process and federal data-
- c. CRP Annual Report Update
- d. Emergency removal by Law Enforcement not also necessary HC CPSW wants to do more training with LE so they do not remove

Laura Gapske-MN State DCYF-Will be able to update SSOS System. Fraud waste and abuse case, took a lot of time away any other real work. Working on CFSR -Child and Family services review before turning 18. –

Children’s Bureau Outcomes looking for perm, reunification Safety, Perm and Well Being— look for direct info from the kids- 12-24yrs to give information. Data Safety Outcomes and Items

IX. **Retreat logistics and survey for planning updates/input**

Lisa Vang, Lola Adebara and Chris Jimmy for **Partnership for Permanence**

Marguita Rayan, Kimette Almon, Cathy Spann, Afton Delgado, Dominique Brown-**Hennepin Cty**

Scott Hemenway sp? Beatric Office, Jamal N. Mohamed, Mary Kane, Carmin Hatchet and Josephina Geronimo-**CRP**

Laura Gapske -**DCYF**

I did ask presenters to send you any prepared information they presented.