

Minutes: Hennepin County Citizen Review Panel

Date: March 17, 2025

Attendance: Dr. Beatrice Officer, Cathy Spann, Charmaine Young, Allie Dischinger, Dominique Brown, Emma Daugherty, Jill Esch, Jamal Mohamed, Kimberly Blanc, Kimmette Almon, Joséfina Geronimo, Camie Hatchett and Laura Gapske

Absent:

I. Welcome and updates:

- a. Welcome new panel member Carmin (Camie) Hatchett.
- b. Get to know you question.
 - i. What is your favorite place to visit outside of Minnesota?
- c. ACTION ITEM: Approval of February meeting mins (Approved)
 - i. Next month will approve January and March meeting mins.
- d. Hennepin County updates
 - i. Many community engagement activities going on with successful turnouts.
 - ii. Rachel Morin has left Hennepin County. They are close to filling her position.
 - iii. The team will be gaining an intern which will be very helpful.
 - iv. Hennepin County staff can provide an update on MN AAFPCWDA next month's meeting.
- e. Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families updates
 - i. Recruitment (Two new applicants this week that will be scheduled for an interview)
 - ii. MN Legislative Session updates

II. Review of DRAFT Annual Report:

- The process for routing the annual citizen review report has started. There was no feedback from members. The state is required to share their response by May 30th. It will be on the May agenda to review.

III. Collaborative Safety Tracking Sheet for CRP members:

- a. Information reviewed that was shared by Kimette regarding Collaborative Safety Mapping process.
- b. Members signed up for which month they will participate and present the information back to the whole panel.
- c. Feedback on the themes tracking form. Members can email additional suggested questions or changes.

- d. The following folks have been trained: Charmaine, Jamal, Emma, Joséfina, Allie, Dr. Officer, Scott and Kimberly. Kimette will look to see about other training opportunities for folks that still need it and/or the potential new members.
- e. Schedule for panel meeting presentations:
 - i. April 1st: Jamal
 - ii. May 6th: Scott
 - iii. June 3rd: Emma
 - iv. July 1st: Allie
- f. Discussion: How can we bring back information to the full panel? How would we want to track this to identify trends, gaps, or strengths in the work to make strong recommendations to the State for improvement.
- g. Cathy will coordinate to bring a presentation regarding the Off Ramp program. This would discuss “what are preventative measures to keep families out of child protection system?”

IV. Non-custodial Engagement Tool discussion and next steps

- The deadline has passed to bring this information forth to provide advisory to the best practice guides. There maybe an opportunity in the future.

V. Public comment:

- Jill offered to host the June meeting in person, if she can gain approval. Members should plan to attend in-person in June. Location TBD.
- CRP funds will expire on June 30, 2025. Members will identify needs to support the work of the panel and/or children and families.

VI. Adjourn