

Children's Services Review Panel (CAC) Minutes

June 23rd, 2025; 4:30 – 6:30 PM

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Members Present: Ankit Sood, Tonya Long

Ramsey County Staff: David Herrera

MN Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families: Laura Gapske (DCYF)

Guests: Jill Esch, Beth Salzl, Kat Ruth-Leigh

Reminder of Agreements:

If you would like a copy of agreements, please reach out to Laura Gapske.

New Actions:

- Approval of May Meeting Minutes
 - Postponed until quorum

County Update; David Herrera Santacruz

We are starting conversations about MAAFPa Case Reviews, to ensure we are collecting proper data to provide an annual report.

DCYF Update

Child and Family Services Review; Presentation:

- Currently on round 4 of overview process
- State has an improvement process, and this is on the end.
 - This process looks at the courts data and county data
 - This is often a problem because of data inaccuracies from user error
- Data outcomes
 - Safety, permanency, and well-being are the three overarching outcome areas
 - Case reviews looking at how we are complying with case needs, how we are offering non-mandatory services, gaps in safety and risk, etc.
- Improvement:
 - Stability of foster care placement
 - Permanency goals
 - Achieving permanency
 - Visits with parents, siblings
 - relative placement
 - relationship with parents.
 - Case worker visits with child's and parents
 - Some counties do not have enough staff to enter appropriate data
- Learnings
 - Court needs to be better about engagement that meets parents and children needs.
 - Appropriate timelines for families from courts and counties

This is not the whole results and information in the presentation; Gapske will send out the presentation in case anyone wants to look at the full report.

Approval and Plan of Funds

We have until June 30th to receive invoices for our State CSRP funds. David will send an email out to members requesting invoices and a vote of approval to use the remaining funds for PSOP and/or Family Foster care

Foster Care Survey Update

Ran out of time; Gapske will send email updating us after she has conversation with SOGIE committee.

Announcements/ Updates