

Wisconsin Citizen Review Panel Annual Report
January 1-December 31, 2015

Name of Panel:	Marathon County
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Briefly describe the panel's meeting schedule and number/types of meetings, including subcommittee and workgroup meetings, held in 2015.

The full committee met six times or bimonthly throughout 2015. The Executive Committee comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Director of DSS and CRP coordinator also met bimonthly. Subcommittees met as needed throughout the year.

Please provide a summary of the panel's activities in regards to:

1. Evaluating the extent to which the State and the local child protection agencies are fulfilling their child protection responsibilities.

The Marathon County CRP reviews the DSS Annual Scorecard which provides federally required outcome data for the county as compared to the state on the most essential elements in child protective services. Members of the CRP participated in data collection related to child deaths, and consult regarding significant findings.

2. Evaluating local and State progress under the State CAPTA Plan.

The Marathon County CRP is informed routinely during their business meetings of any significant changes and trends occurring locally or at a state level, and evaluates potential outcomes for the CPS system. The panel is kept apprised of budgetary parameters and county resources to provide services to children and families, including mandatory and discretionary services.

3. Activities related to public outreach and comment to assess the impact of current child protection procedures and practices on children and families in the community.

- o The Marathon County CRP participated in two community events in 2015, the Children's Fest and CommUnity Fest. The panel displayed a message board providing information about the CRP. Pinwheels were shared with children, and CRP approved written materials about keeping kids safe were shared with families. The CRP partnered with the Marathon County Early Years Coalition, which focuses on strengthening children's

experience in early life (health, education, nutrition, safety, and nurturance) to bring a bigger impact to the events.

Did the panel conduct any reviews of CPS cases, child fatalities and near fatalities? If yes, please describe.

Members of the CRP collaborated with DSS CPS staff to formally evaluate five egregious incidents which occurred in 2015. A template was developed for evaluation of system wide issues. The review continues into 2016 and the findings will be shared with the CRP upon completion.

In addition, there is a formal connection between the CRP and our Marathon County Child Death Review team for collaboration and evaluation on project partnerships.

Please describe any other panel activities or issues addressed in 2015.

- Attendance of two citizen and one staff member at the National CRP conference
- Expansion of the education program of the Shaken Baby Simulator doll in the community
- Participation in the Guardian Ad Litem work group
- Second Phase of the Journey Bus tour which entailed a four hour event for the Wausau School District
- Evaluation of the Parent's Anonymous program being implemented in Marathon County
- Sponsorship of the "Beneath the Bruises" conference in Marshfield, WI
- Provision of children's furniture for the DSS waiting room to support a Trauma Informed Care initiative

Please describe activities planned or held to date in 2016.

Please refer to the attached 2016 Work Plan.

Panel recommendations to improve child protection services at the local level:

Continuing goal:

- The Marathon County CRP continues to support using data to enhance performance in child welfare and will remain active in reviewing key performance outcomes

New Goal:

- The CRP will be informed of Marathon County's efforts to improve on system wide Trauma informed Care and support efforts as feasible.

Panel recommendations to improve child protection services at the State level:

Continuing recommendation:

- Ensure that mandated programs are adequately funded.
- DCF to support a statewide public education effort to educate the public on CPS and highlight positive accomplishments.

New recommendations:

- DCF to ensure that foster parents and the CPS system have an adequate means of communication to share concerns as the regional Independent Living project is brought forth for implementation in 2017.
- Juvenile Justice data system be created for uniform data collection and integration with the CPS system, so as to provide the CRP and Counties with required data to measure performance, including recidivism.

Optional/additional information or comments:

Please submit the **completed CRP Annual Report** and the **panel's current membership list** to the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families by e-mailing copies to Paula Brown at PaulaL.Brown@wisconsin.gov. The annual report and the DCF response to each report will be posted on the DCF Citizen Review Panel web page at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/citizen_review/default.htm. Thank you.

**Citizen Review Panel
2016 Work Plan**

We work toward improvement of the quality of life for children and families in the community and to provide new opportunities for citizens to play an integral role in ensuring that Wisconsin is meeting its goal of protecting children.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Cornerstone/Goal</i>	<i>Responsible Person/s</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1. Continue efforts to maintain and stabilize membership. Maintain biographies list of current members	CRP has fully participating individuals representing a balanced cross section of our community	Membership Committee Chair: Julie Jensen	Intermittent or As Needed	Evaluate current membership according to Bi-Laws Assess need to focus on increasing citizen membership
2. Develop and distribute "A Guideline for Discipline of Children" Brochure	Increase public awareness on physical discipline	Ad Hoc committee including Alison Ritchie	Complete by March	
3. Continue to seek opportunities to provide presentation to community members with Shaken Baby Simulator	Increase public awareness of the detrimental long term effects of SBS. Increase public input and investment in the child welfare system Support a local conference of "Beneath the Bruises"	Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Committee Chair: Eileen Eckardt	Report as Needed	Targets for training/use of the SBS doll include hospitals, high school health classes and MC Jail
4. Presentation on 2015 DSS Scorecard	Increase public input, ownership and investment in the child welfare system. Enhance dialogue with state stakeholders. Improve communication and involve others	Vicki Tylka, Dawn Perez	April meeting	

	in execution			
5. Recognize child welfare social workers during Social Worker appreciation month with a cake and card.	Increase sense of community support to social workers for the hard work and commitment they have for the children they serve and protect	Mary Schultz and Alison Ritchie	March	
6. Evaluate coordination of the activity “Hands around the Courthouse” for April’s Child Abuse Prevention month	Increase awareness of child safety and maltreatment concerns; provide an opportunity for community support of children and families	Ad Hoc Committee Chair: Aidyn Laurynz	Planning to begin in February, event in April 2016	
7. Presentation of public presentation board (“table topper”) and materials for education of CRP supported programs – interface with The Early Years Coalition	Increase public input, ownership and investment in the child welfare system. Enhance dialogue with state stakeholders. Improve communication and involve others in execution	Ad Hoc Committee Chair: Dawn Perez	Updates as applicable	Participate in Children’s Fest and CommUnity Fest
8. Plan for additional second Journey Bus Tours with the schools	Build interest and supportive partnerships in child welfare system by expanding to school districts outside of Wausau	Ad Hoc Committee Chair:	Updates as applicable Determine timeline for event	Organize workgroups and assign planning task Learn from second JBT with Wausau School District
9. Participation in evaluation of egregious incidents	Learn about any potential trends resulting in incidents to recommend proactive measures in the community to address	Ad Hoc Lead by: Dawn Perez	Report out in April	Dawn Perez, Christa Jensen, Vicki Tylka, Mary Schultz, Eileen Eckardt, Kim Van Hoof, and Chrissy Hegewald
10. Remain advised of Trauma Informed Care	Become knowledgeable about TIC strategies, and evaluate level of	Full Committee	Updates as applicable	Vicki Tylka will provide updates

(TIC) initiatives in Marathon County	support CRP can provide the community			
11. Completion of 2016 Annual CRP Report	CRP summarizes the work that was completed in the calendar year, noting action steps & progress.	Executive Committee	December	
12. Review and Celebrate CRP work for 2016 and plan for 2017	CRP has a short and long range Strategic Plan with action steps & progress updates.	Full Committee	December	

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