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Dawn Larson, Chairperson
Polk County Citizen Review Panel
Polk County Human Services Department
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Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Dear Ms. Larson:

Thank you for your submission of the 2016 Polk County Citizen Review Panel report. This letter responds to the citizen review panel annual report requirement in the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

The citizen review panel submitted one recommendation to improve child protection services at the state level. A brief summarized statement of this recommendation and the Department of Children and Families, Division of Safety and Permanence response follows:

- *The panel requests that changes be made in the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) process necessary to place children in care outside of the state of Wisconsin. Situations have come to light in which children given priority placement status have not been processed within the required 25-day requirement.*

The Department is actively working to improve the ICPC process for counties, tribes, and private agencies in order to expedite requests. DCF has completed an eWiSACWIS enhancement for ICPC requests which will be available in June 2017. The enhancements will assist county workers in determining the appropriate ICPC request and the necessary documentation needed prior to submitting the request to DCF. The changes being made will minimize the paper documents that are currently printed and mailed between agencies. Along with these enhancements, policies and procedures are being developed with the intent of providing an overview of ICPC, the requirements for each regulation, and the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved.

Congratulations on being selected to co-present on Bikers Against Child Abuse with St. Croix County Citizen Review Panel at the National Citizen Review Panel Conference in Alaska in May. We're very proud that the work of Wisconsin's panels is being recognized nationally.

Thank you for your panel's continued dedication and efforts on behalf of Wisconsin children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fredi-Ellen Bove".

Fredi-Ellen Bove
Division Administrator