

**Wisconsin Citizen Review Panel Annual Report**  
January 1-December 31, 2016

Name of Panel	St. Croix County Citizen Review Panel
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Panel Chairperson(s)	Sue Lindberg

**Briefly describe the panel's meeting schedule and number/types of meetings, including subcommittee and workgroup meetings, held in 2016.**

**The panel held ten meetings in 2016. In March of 2016 the St. Croix County foster care coordinator John Bretl educated the panel. In May we had a presentation from BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse).**

**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 panel reviewed cases both locally and statewide using public disclosure reports and local news stories.

2. Evaluating local and State progress under the State CAPTA Plan.
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.
  1. During April Child Protection Awareness month we had five display tables set up throughout the county. This included informational brochures, educational materials, and cards with phone numbers for Child Protective Services Intake.
  2. In November we had a Domestic Violence Awareness training with two speakers from the Domestic Abuse Project in Minneapolis.
  3. We purchased books on sexual abuse awareness and provided them to therapists, Public Health, WIC, Head Start, Turning Point (battered women's shelter), and Family Resource Center.
  4. Family Resource Center staff handed out the Period of Purple Crying DVD's to all new parents they see in their work.

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

No

**Please describe any other panel activities or issues addressed in 2016.**

1. Training opportunities were provided for two panel members to attend the State CRP conference in August, 2016.

**Please describe any potential activities being planned for CY 2017.**

1. Voted to join the Polk County CRP to financially support a BACA member to present at the 2017 National CRP Conference in Alaska.
2. Plan to have a booth at the St. Croix County Fair with BACA members.
3. In April we will again do Child Abuse Awareness displays as well as billboards and Letters to the Editor in local papers.
4. Sponsor our Chairperson Sue Lindberg to attend the 2017 National CRP Conference in Alaska. And to present on our Stimulator dolls.
5. Develop a Facebook page.
6. Update our Mission Statement and logo.
7. Establish funds for counseling services for victims of child abuse.
8. New Co-coordinators Ben Tomandl and Bill Scholz will develop a survey for social workers to identify family issues.

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

None noted.

**How did the local agency respond to your previous recommendations?**

We found that the Dashboard reports in eWISACWIS did not give in depth information. Therefore, the new Co-coordinators are going to develop a survey for social workers to identify family issues in child abuse/neglect cases.

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

Please provide a brief description and example of the issue that contributed to this recommendation:

None noted.

**Optional/additional information or comments:**

**We would like some orientation/training for new coordinators and some guidance from the State as to our mission, etc.**

Please submit the **completed CRP Annual Report** and the **panel's current membership list** to Paula Brown at [PaulaL.Brown@wisconsin.gov](mailto: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. Thank you!