

Wisconsin Citizen Review Panel Annual Report
January 1-December 31, 2017

Name of Panel:	Lanlade County Citizen Review Panel
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Briefly describe the panel’s meeting schedule – including number/types of meetings, and schedule of any subcommittee and workgroup meetings held in 2017.

The Lanlade County Citizen Review Panel held 11 monthly meetings. The Panel did not meet in May; however, members of the panel were present at the National Conference.

Please provide a summary of the panel’s activities related to:

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

Due to the panel’s restructuring our CRP has been focused on establishing a foundation and regaining member commitment. This has been a year of rebuilding and education for new membership. We haven’t examined the extent to which the state and local child protection agencies are fulfilling their child protection responsibilities.

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

Due to our restructuring, our CRP did not examine or evaluate local and state progress under the CAPTA plan during the 2017 year. We plan on adding this to our 2018 work 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.

In April our CRP hosted a public “refresh” meeting where community partners were invited to engage in discussion as well as view a presentation from Paula Brown. The meeting had a great turnout of guests and the gathering generated good discussion and insight on how the panel should move forward. In recognition of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month the panel created a display which was set up at the Antigo Public Library for the month of April.

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

Our panel has not yet begun to review CPS cases, child fatalities or near fatalities. The Langlade County Child Death Review Team functions independently of the Citizens Review Panel. The panel recently had a brief discussion regarding the value of conducting case reviews on random and non-egregious cases.

Please describe any other panel activities or issues addressed in 2017.

The second half of the year was spent restructuring our panel for two basic reasons: 1) Debi McGregor, past chair, stepped down from her role and 2) inconsistent membership. Our panel is now composed of two co-chairs, coordinator, treasurer, CPS Liaison, and members. Our total member body has been refined from 50+ participants to 11 committed members. The panel also addressed the educational and training needs of our newly formed panel by attending conferences and viewing documentaries and online training modules.

Please describe activities planned or held in 2017.

Three panel members attended the national conference and two attended the state meeting. Our co-chair also reached out to surrounding CRPs to collaborate and network during our restructuring. Our panel also initiated the development of a Foster Parent Support group in our community. Panel members attended the National Drug Endangered Children Conference as well as the Trauma Informed Care Symposium. The panel purchased the *Resilience* documentary to be used for education and awareness in the community. As part of member education we viewed the documentary *Paper Tigers* and plan to partner with our local school districts to offer community viewings in the future.

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

As a result of discussion from our April Refresh Meeting, the Foster Care Coordinator and local CPS agency have created a Foster Parent Support Group.

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

Our panel did not make and recommendations to improve services at the state level

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 to Jamie Gennrich at jamie.gennrich@wisconsin.gov. The annual report and the DCF response to each report will be posted on the DCF Citizen Review Panel web page at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/prevention/crp>. Thank you.