

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

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 approximately 10-11 meetings in 2017. Our panel approved two representatives to attend the 2017 Annual State CRP Meeting. The coordinators and a third representative attended the State CRP Conference in the WI Dells.

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. We had multiple case reviews with the panel by workers our local agency. We also discussed a critical incident with a worker from our local agency as defined under ACT 78.

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 eight display tables set up throughout the county. This included informational brochures, educational materials, and cards with phone numbers for Child Protectives Services Intake.
 2. The coordinators surveyed the workers in June at the local agency to identify areas on need within our community.
 3. We purchased 6 shaken baby syndrome dolls to be used for education in 6 school districts in St. Croix County.
 4. Family Resource Center staff handed out the Period of Purple Crying DVD’s to all new parents they see in their work.
 5. The CRP sponsored a community education booth regarding the panel and collaborated with BACA to staff the booth and educate on their program as well.

6. The CRP panel also created a brochure to educate the public on the services provided by our panel.
7. The CRP panel helped to facilitate a presentation at the local Children's Services agency regarding BACA and their services.

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

Yes, the panel reviewed a local case regarding the near fatality with the worker from our local CPS agency.

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

1. Our panel has been discussing how to expand our membership. We also discussed connecting with our local GAL's for recruitment purposes.
2. We have also been exploring how our panel can help address areas of concern within our local agency. Specifically regarding expanding or recruiting for foster care in our community.
3. We also gathered data and presented information regarding the CANS assessment to the CRP panel.

Please describe any potential activities being planned for CY 2018.

1. We have been discussing presenting the film "Paper Tigers" to the community (trauma informed care).
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. We plan to sponsor 1 or 2 members to attend 2018 National CRP Conference at Mackinac Island.
5. Community outreach; develop a Facebook page other avenues such billboards.
6. Establish funds for counseling services for victims of child abuse.

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

1. Our panel has been exploring how we could support our local agency in recruiting for foster care providers.
2. We have also been discussing ways to support children aging out of the foster care system.

How did the local agency respond to your previous recommendations?

The coordinators have been working to improve agency transparency as well as education regarding policy and procedure in the Child Protection realm.

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 Jamie Gennrich at Gennrich, Jamie N - DCF 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. Thank you!