



August 19, 2022

Betsy Byker, Interim Co-Chair
Marla Butler, Interim Co-Chair
St. Croix County Citizen Review Panel

Dear Ms. Byker & Ms. Butler:

Thank you for your timely submission of the St. Croix County Citizen Review Panel's report in compliance with the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). This letter fulfills the citizen review panel annual report response requirements set forth 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 (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) response follows:

- 1. Provide webinar training and clear expectations to new and existing Citizen Review Panel Members including exposure to the annual report changes as soon as they are available.**

DCF appreciates the work of Citizen Review Panel members and the continued collaboration in better supporting children and families across the state. Currently, there is not a statewide introductory training available to new or existing Citizen Review Panel (CRP) members. However, the development of such training material is included in DCF's 2022 CRP strategy. [The Capacity Building Center for States \(CBCS\)](#) also holds webinars on various topics related to child welfare and their website includes a page on [Citizen Review Panel Resources](#). DCF will continue to provide relevant updates related to the development of Wisconsin-specific CRP training materials and changes to the annual report process to panel chairs and coordinators on at least a quarterly basis.

DCF continues to acknowledge and appreciate the continued efforts put forth by the St. Croix County Citizen Review Panel for their continued advocacy. Thank you for the time, energy, and commitment you have made to improve services for Wisconsin children and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Henderson".

Wendy Henderson
Division Administrator