

Montgomery County Citizen Review Panel Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

7 pm, DHS, 1301 Piccard Dr, Rockville, MD;

Members:

Marci McCoy-Roth, Angela English, Sarah Stanton, Jane Steinberg, Stacey McNeely, Ronna Cook, Pam Littlewood, Jen Carson, Laura, George, Deanna

Before the meeting:

ACTION: All committee members asked to complete [Contact](#) form

ACTION: Please consider which the topics or issues you'd like to work on in the coming year. See Item III.

AgendaAdministrative (Note taking, motions, public records)

ACTION: Angela will ask Lisa and Beth about administrative questions:

I. Welcome

A. [Contact](#) form

Specifically, whether we should

1. Have a webpage, share information about agenda/reports
2. Public Notices: Lisa is responsible for this.
3. Motions & Parliamentary procedures, may be good to use on major recommendation to demonstrate consensus.

II. Child Welfare Report (See last month's report on next page for reference)

- Do you use the numbers to model anything? Yes, we do, we are looking at those to help manage case loads, because we have so many vacancies.
- How does MCCRCP use these numbers:
- Helps inform us what we want to study, or helps us to monitor what how things are going.
- Foster Parent Forum today, and discussion with how the department can support them.
- Substance counselors who did assessments, made referrals, no longer funded. START has been delayed.
- Family First Act regional meetings to be held in the next few weeks.
- Still need a Spanish speaker recruiter.
- Spent the whole year talking about Substance Abuse need and value, and it just stopped. Do we need to do something.
 - Has Lisa found funding to cover the team that was here.

- Our concern about START was that it was specific and a certain population.
 - State money (no county money), so who do we call? Delay due to position definition/
 - Follow Up, we'd like more information about what happens with START, and how the money dried up for the previous program.
 - HHS Committee -
 - Ask for a meeting to talk about the non-start of START
 - START program is on hold
 - Youth transitioning out of care
 - Monitoring implementation of CJAMS
- III. Discussion and Decision about issues to pursue for 2019/2020 (Breaking into Committees). Topic ideas:
1. Transition and mentoring
 2. Operations of child welfare agency (right data, Start, recruitment/child care payment, committees, staffing/retention)
 3. Prevention and Substance Abuse (Mental Health and suicide)

Question: What's the process for selecting what we work on? How do we decide, and what is the impact of what we do?

In the past, worked with agency to pick topics to help them with their work. We'd pick one, come up with a plan, and support the agency. Surveys, reports, etc.

- IV. Upcoming speakers - discussion about planning meeting on suicide for December meeting, and inviting staff. Hosting potluck. Question to be posed to Lisa about this idea.
- V. Next Meeting: November 5, 2019, 7 pm (Election Night)

Follow up:

- Review existing numbers to try different formats for presentation and analysis. (Lawrence will work on this)
- Foster parent recruitment- conversation with foster home recruiters, problems and issues (Sara is lead staff on this (Pamela and George volunteered to meet with her)
 - [Outline questions to understand the practices, procedures, and make comparison](#)
 - [Outline resources](#)

Themes:

- 1) Staffing/HR Issues
- 2) Resource homes how we can improve recruitment? Day Care payment does not cover enough for our jurisdiction.

Follow up:

- Do DHHS have something in writing on recruitment? Angela to share
 - George and Pamela will do outreach
- Have suicide expert meet in December (need project/screen)
 - Angela to check with Lisa
 - Angela to check on room and dates: Dec 3 (or 2 or 4) Where to have it?
 - Who: Michael Schoenbaum, phd NIMH, senior advisor (Jane to arrange the speaker and program)
 - Marci to set up event rsvp /potluck

- Quarterly Report due Oct 2.

Call in Information

Participant Call in Instructions

1. Call your dial-in number: (515) 604-9994
2. Enter the access code: 782994

Child Welfare Report from September meeting

| | May | June | July-19 | Aug 2019 | July 18 |
|---|------|------|---------|----------|---------|
| Screening calls | 1216 | 748 | 772 | 765 | 1154 |
| New A/R Investigations | 104 | 47 | 42 | 28 | |
| IR | 110 | 82 | 80 | 79 | |
| ROAs | 61 | 48 | 69 | 64 | |
| OOH care | 406 | 408 | 415 | 415 | |
| In homes services | 90 | 90 | 92 | 90 | |
| Resource homes | 192 | 192 | 185 | 189 | |
| <i>Started counting kinship homes (so resource homes going down.)</i> | | | | | |
| Applications resource homes | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | |