

## MoCo Citizen's Review Panel for Children

### Notes – 4/1/19 Meeting

Guest – Corina Ramirez, social work student doing a process recording exercise

- Ronna provided an overview of the Panel and it's role
- The Panel establishes priority issues to study; result in reports and recommendations
- Current priority is drug and substance abuse and to opioid crisis
- Prior issues include the following
  - Training for foster parents
  - Independent living
  - LGBTQ youth
  - Mentoring programs
  - Transitioning for youth aging out of foster care
  - Mental health services
  - Voluntary placements
  - Basic skills for youth in foster care

### Update on Data – February 2019

Calls to Screening	908
Alternative Response (AR)	108
Information and Referrals (IR)/Investigations	109
Requests from Other Agencies (ROA)	68
Youth in Out-of-Home Care	415
In-Home Services to Families	86
Resource Homes	197
Children Adopted	N/A
Applications for Resource Homes	3

### Data Committee

- Lisa Merkin is setting up a call for the committee with Michelle, who is the MoCo representative on the CJAMS project.
- In a recent conversation between Lisa and Ronna, Lisa advised that the state has not yet finalized the data elements for CJAMS as testing is still on-going
- The pilot implementation of CJAMS in Western Maryland has been pushed back to May 2019
- Lisa indicated that Lisa would like the Panel's help in analyzing their CJAMS data when available
- Consensus to schedule conference call with Michelle for 4:00 PM on 4/2/19; Ronna will confirm and send out an announcement

## Outreach Committee

- George and Leslie are on the planning committee for the AODAAC/MHAC/Peer2Peer/Citizens Review Panel Spring Forum
- The theme for the forum is “Create Family Wellness” Approaches to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Care
- The forum is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8. It will be held at the Bohrer Park Gym, 506 South Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg, MD.
- The agenda/flyer is currently being proofed by the PIO.
- Child welfare will have a resource table that the Panel staffs; those interested in helping should contact George; they are not asking agency staff to help because they already work long hours.
- They also need greeters to help at the welcome table,
- The keynote speaker will be Sara Rose.
- There will also be a panel that includes a staff person and volunteer from each agency for Q and A. George will be participating for the Panel.
- No pre-registration needed.
- A light dinner will be provided.
- They generally get about 90 participants each year.

## Resources Committee

- Suggestion that the committee focus on and identify alternative resources in preparation for next year’s forum
- It would be helpful clarify what is meant by alternative; an alternative is a positive activity (e.g., yoga or sports) that a person can undertake to substitute for a negative activity (e.g., drug abuse)

## Leadership for the Panel

- Ronna advised that she has been chair of the panel for a number of years and is time to select a new leader
- She asked members to let her know of interest in moving into the leadership position, either as the chair or possibly co-chairs

## Looking Forward

- Panel members should also be thinking about a new priority issues for the Panel to undertake.
- One suggestion was the START program