

Montgomery County Citizen Review Panel Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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

Attending:

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

Agenda

- I. Passing the baton, Ronna presented Marci with the gavel after 5 years of chairing the CRP. Committee thanked Ronna for her service! Marci will be the chair for the upcoming year.
- II. Introductions
 - A. [Contact](#) form
 - B. Administrative (Note taking, motions, public records)
ACTION: Angela will ask Lisa and Beth about administrative questions:
Specifically, whether we should
 1. Have a webpage, share information about agenda/reports
 2. Public Notices? How are we to do this Beth is responsible for this.
 3. Motions & Parliamentary procedures, may be good to use on major recommendation to demonstrate consensus.
- III. Child Welfare Report

Angela presented the numbers of where things are:

ACTION - Angela will share tables of data so that we can see comparisons over time..

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

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July-18</u>
Screening calls			1154

STAFFING

How is staffing?

- A lot of vacancies. Lot of people leaving. 9 in on division, 2 vacancies in assessments,
- Full staffing (200 fully staffed, not fully staffed)
- HR process is difficult because it takes too long.
- Prince George's county also struggling.
- Pay is too low, job is too demanding

What is impact of Family First here in Maryland, which is supposed to be active OCT 1?

We don't know what the plans are for implementing. Maryland has opted to move forward on October 1. One goal of legislation is to reduce use of group homes for children in care and investing in preventive services to help keep children out of care.

ACTION - CRP asks Angela to share the plans once she receives them.

- Concerns about whether the infrastructure is ready to handle the demand.
- Kids do better in their homes, but we need services to sustain them.
- Should someone from committee join a workgroup? Jen will share more info.

ACTION - Jen to share FF intel from recent meeting

Some information from Chapin Hall on Maryland Family First Plans here:

<https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/System-Transformation-and-Family-First-Planning-in-MD.pdf>

ACTION- George to find Chapin Hall Candidate Decision Tree for Family First

IV. Discussion and Decision about issues to pursue for 2019/2020

Group discussed possible topics the CRP could work on for this year, include:

- A. Following the implementation of the START Model--transition from old model, who is getting services, staffing, how is it working
- B. Continue reaching out and coordinating with other DHHS committees (drug and mental health as well as housing)
- C. Following the implementation of new data collection system and ways to help with data interpretation (Jane, Marci)

Angela: CJAMs pushed back to December (is it in Montgomery County?).

ACTION Angela will find out more about the push back and whether it's Montgomery County). Being tested in Washington County.

ACTION: Ask staff to give an update? Michelle Fornay

- D. Alternative substance abuse programs for adolescents as well as any other unfinished substance abuse issues (need to develop a statement about what we mean by alternative programs)
- E. Foster Care\Adoptive Parent Recruitment. What do we specifically want to look at and how to proceed? Issues include how multicultural issues are being addressed, LGBTQ foster parents, large sibling groups, and broader recruitment of foster parents such as two level of recruitment plans (state vs. county)
- F. *Child Abuse Training of Judges - No member wanted to pursue this at this time.*
 - 1. *Would like them to listen more case workers.*
 - 2. *Lisa is meeting with Judge Callahan.*
- G. **Mental health issues of children/youth (coverage, scope, quality) - self harming / social media, suicides**

--Stuck kids - months in ER (mental health) - every friday all jurisdictions get on a call and we try to find a place for them.

-- No step downs

-- reports incident of report screening and delay to services

ACTION: Committee would like a suicide specialist to update us on current trends and treatments (Jane has someone she will ask to come to Nov or Dec meeting)

ACTION: Committee would like an assessment supervisor to explain process for screening. (Angela will ask someone to come to Nov or Dec meeting)

- H. Child Care Payment - recruitment and day care foster care payment doesn't cover child care
- I. Adulting classes for youth approaching discharge--this is above and beyond independent living classes and should involve hands on practice (how to deal with a landlord, budgets, job skills)
 - 1. Learning collaborative - ILC not working
 - 2. New [FUP Housing program](#).
 - 3. FYI on [Transition toolkit](#)

J. Mentoring

Angela would like more support on helping kids transitioning out of care.

ACTION Could Lisa give an update on housing and work with judges?

K. Other issues?

Marci suggests adding staffing and morale.

SUMMARY: After discussion of possible topics for the committee to work on this year, Stacey suggests a regrouping of the above categories into more global categories of topics

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)

V. Next Meeting: October 1, 2019, 7 pm

Next Step: Identify the priorities for the committee, flesh out plans and/or break into committees to begin work.

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.

Participant Call in Instructions

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