

Montgomery County Citizens Review Panel (MCCRP)

August 10, 2021 Meeting

Minutes

Persons Present:

Laura Brown, Technical Advisor
Laura Coyle
Katy Dunn
Angela English, CYFS Liaison

Kay Farley
Marci McCoy-Roth, 2020-2021 Chair
Stacey McNeely
Sarah Stanton

Welcome

Ms. Marci McCoy-Roth called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of the Minutes

There was no meeting in July 2021. The draft minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Stacey McNeely made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Brown seconded the motion, which was approved.

FY 2021 Annual Report

A draft of the FY 20221 Annual Report was distributed prior to the meeting. The MCCRP members walked through the draft report to discuss and agree upon edits.

The next step is to incorporate the edits in the draft report. The revised draft report will be shared with Lisa Merkin for comments and edits. The final report will be submitted to Leslie Frye by August 31, 2021.

Action Items: Members will engage with the Commission on Children and Youth in the coming year.

Agency Report

Ms. Angela English reviewed the agency's data for May and June 2021 from the Supervisor's Briefing – Data Update report. The number of calls to screening declined from May to June. This decline may be related to the end of the school year. Other data elements are consistent with prior months. The agency is seeing more children coming from other states. Parents are bringing children to Montgomery County to give custody to the other parents or a relative and the placements don't work out. The agency is seeing an increase in the number of new resource homes, but the number of closures still exceed the number of new homes.

The 20 youth that should have aged out during the pandemic are stable and doing well. The agency has been successful in helping them to secure housing.

Action Items: Ms. English will see if the agency collects data on the number of cases in which the agency helps secure housing for aging out youth.

The agency has until September 30, 2021 to spend the federal Chaffee funds to assist aging out youth. Marci McCoy-Roth advised that the Foster Club is holding webinars on how these federal funds can be used, including support for a Foster Youth Advisory Board.

The agency currently has 20 vacancies. The agency policy related to teleworking is under discussion and not yet final. Recruitment has been challenging and is a statewide problem.

Follow-ups from June Meeting

- Survey for Resource Homes - Laura Brown and Wilma Brier will take the lead to work on a draft survey for resource homes.
 - Laura Coyle advised that the Smithsonian Institute offers help in the preparation of surveys and may be of help to the MCCRCP.
- Welcome Packet for New Resource Homes – This will be an agenda item for the September meeting.
- Complaint Process for Resource Homes – This will also be an agenda item for the September meeting.
- LGBTQ Survey – Ms. English will check on the status of the agency responses.

The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2021