

Montgomery County Citizens Review Panel (MCCRP)

February 8, 2022 Meeting

Minutes

Persons Present:

Wilma Brier	Angela English, CYFS Liaison
Laura Brown, Technical Advisor	Kay Farley, CRBC Representative
Laura Coyle	Marci McCoy-Roth, 2020-2021 Chair
Katy Dunn	Stacey McNeely

Welcome

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

Review and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Laura Coyle made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Wilma Brier seconded the motion, which was approved.

Agency Report

Ms. Angela English reviewed the agency's data for November 2021 from the Supervisor's Briefing – Data Update report.

Data Element	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
Assessment					
Number of calls to screening unit	837	705	1031	1364	1124
Reports of Child Maltreatment	434	388	620	696	698
Number of New Alternative Response (AR) Investigations	69	61	78	95	124
Number of New Investigation Response (IR) Investigations	62	56	82	89	81
New Non-CPS	75	59	95	75	69
In-Home					
Number of Families Receiving In-Home Services	80	77	86	87	77
Out of Home					
Number of new out of home placements (entries)	16	16	5	3	3
Total children who left care (exits)	14	13	32	9	10
Total out-of-home children in care at month's end	379	382	355	349	342
Number of children in foster care	237	238	224	215	207
Number of children placed with relatives	84	84	76	76	76
Number of Voluntary Placement Agreements @ EOM	3	2	1	2	2
Number of Voluntary Placement Agreement Requests	2	5	6	6	8
Number of Resource Homes	184	182	181	179	178
Average length of stay for children in foster care (months)	33.5	33.5	31	32	32

The agency is providing train-the-trainer training for resource families related to the Center for Excellence (CFE) project. Resources families will participate in training over 16 weeks. The agency is trying to identify a trainer to work with biological parents for the CFE project.

Panel Speaker for Staff

Ms. Coyle has been working with Dr. Aaron Bryant, Curator of Photography, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, to identify a date for the presentation. They hope to schedule a date in March during National Social Worker Month.

LGBTQ Subcommittee

The subcommittee is continuing to work toward a draft white paper. Ms. Katy Dunn is developing an outline for the white paper. The end product will include a narrative of the findings, identify inconsistencies in practice, identify areas where additional information is needed, what is needed to support staff, and recommendations and potential identification of resources. The end product will be shared with the staff that participated in the survey and be incorporated in the Panel's annual report.

Next Steps: Ms. Dunn will prepare a draft to share with other members of the subcommittee.

Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

The final edits on the survey have been completed along with a cover letter from the Panel explaining the request and how the information will be used.

Next Steps: Ms. Dunn will advise Mr. Chris Plummer, President of the Montgomery County Foster Parent Association, that Ms. Laura Brown and Ms. Brier will be providing the final survey to him for distribution to his membership.

MCCRP Committee New Members

Mr. Ronald Whalen will join the panel beginning with the March 2022 meeting. Ms. Lisa Merkin will work with the County to readvertise the Panel vacancies.

Spring Forum

Ms. Kay Farley advised that the 2022 Spring Forum will be on May 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the Zoom platform. She advised that the first meeting of the planning committee took place earlier in the day on February 8, 2022. There seemed to be consensus to focus on high school youth with mental health and substance abuse issues. S. McCoy Roth volunteered to join the planning committee along Ms. Farley.

Transition Youth Services Presentation in March

Ms. McCoy-Roth advised that the agency provided a presentation about Transition Youth Services to the Board of Social Services recently. The presentation was an overview of the program and referenced the Ready By Twenty-One manual.

Next Steps: There was consensus to invite the unit supervisor to meet with the Panel at the March 2022 meeting.

Co-Chairs for 2022-2023

Ms. Brown and Ms. Stacey McNeely agreed to serve as co-chairs for the coming year.

Next Steps: Ms. Brown and Ms. McNeely will work with Ms. McCoy-Roth to develop a transition plan.

The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022