

Western CRP
Minutes of the Meeting
March 13, 2014

Attendees:

Ellen Kennedy
Sarlyn Tate

Dennis Walczyk
Melissa Cavagnaro

Paula Mazur

Guests: The Buffalo News: Michael Connolly, *Editor* Stan Evans, *Deputy Editor*

SCAA Staff: Diane Mastin, by phone

Handouts:

Agenda

Invitation letter to *The Buffalo News* editor

SPARC PLN Prevention Workgroup Memo on Prevention messaging

WCRP Chair Letter to the Editor

New Rules proposed for governing child protective services. Lou Michel. 1/9/14.

State report shows county agency failures in case of abused boy murdered by stepfather. Lou Michel 5/29/13.

2014-15 Selected Human Services Budget Comparison

TANF Program Funding in the 2014-15 Budget

2014 Meeting Dates and Topics

2014 Child Welfare Legislation chart

NYS CRP Memo of Support for funding Essential Child Welfare Services at 65% State Share

NYS CRP Testimony before the Joint Fiscal Committees on the SFY 2014-15 Executive Budget, Human Services Budget Hearing, 2/4/14

Special Forward: Preventing Severe Maltreatment-Related Injuries and Fatalities: Applying a Public Health Framework and Innovative Approaches to Child Protection. Child Welfare, Vol 92, No. 2

The Road Ahead: Comprehensive and Innovative Approaches for Improving Safety and Preventing Child Maltreatment Fatalities. Zeinab Chahine and David Sanders. Child Welfare, Vol 92, No. 2.

Minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting

The first portion of the Western Panel meeting was devoted to planning. The second portion of the meeting was devoted to an off the record conversation with the Michael Connolly, Editor and Stan Evans, Deputy Editor of *The Buffalo News*. Panel members presented an overview of cps, the panels, the complexity of child welfare practice, and their concerns. The discussion was devoted to the paper's coverage of recent child fatalities, the role of the media in reporting complex social issues, resulting impacts, parameters related to confidentiality, and the media's interest in greater transparency.

Panel members agreed to continue with a discussion on confidentiality, provide research on the correlation between poverty and child welfare, and invite the Erie County Commissioner to their next meeting. They reviewed specific items within the Executive Budget and child welfare legislation under consideration in the current session.