

NYC Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services

Meeting Summary
September 7, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Attendees:

NYC Panel Members

Stanley Capela

Marion White

Mathea Rubin

Wayne Ho

David Lansner

OCFS

Shelly Fiebich-Aubertine

Welfare Research, Inc.

Jennifer Goldman

Ariela Perez-Wallach

Handouts

Draft Recruitment Flyer

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Welcome – *Stanley Capela, NYC Panel Chair*

Recruitment Flyer – *Jennifer Goldman, WRI*

- Mrs. Goldman shared the draft recruitment flyer for prospective members with the Panel and asked that any feedback be sent via email. It was reported that staff members at WRI will be meeting with a representative from the Speaker of the Assembly's office to identify barriers to the appointment process.

Annual Report

- The Panel Members decided the focus of the annual report will be on child welfare workforce improvement, specifically looking at retention and recruitment. Recommendations included improving supervision and training, scholarships and loan forgiveness funds, and the reinstatement of Title IV-E money. Partnerships with local schools of social work was also discussed, as well as the issue of low-pay. The report will be publically released in January 2020.

OCFS Updates – *Shelly Fiebich-Aubertine*

- Current Workforce Initiatives – Ms. Fiebich-Aubertine reported that OCFS has re-convened a workgroup to focus on workforce issues in the child welfare, developing data driven strategies to improve retention and recruitment.

- Family First Act Implementation – Another webinar happened in July, introducing county specific data packets regarding to foster homes. This webinar also stressed the importance of the role of Home Finders within the Family First Act. The next webinar will be held on October 3rd, focusing on administrative review teams.
- Raise the Age Implementation – As of September, all 13 agencies have opened their Raise the Age programs and data is being tracked very carefully. Phase 2 is in October, which will allow 17-year olds to be eligible.
- Implementation of Erin’s Law – Erin’s Law is specific to the State Education Department, and that the curriculum will be created within the State Education Department.
- CFSR PIP Updates –OCFS passed the first case review and planned activities are ongoing.
- Other Updates – The MAPS data for foster care admissions and CPS reports for the first 6 months of 2019 are being compiled and will be distributed to panel members when completed. At first glance, it was reported that there was a decrease in admissions to foster care and the number of reports decreased slightly, but the types of reports did not change. OCFS is in the process of developing the framework application and budget for a parent advisory board.

October Roundtable Event

- Panel members discussed that the event will focus on child welfare workforce issues, including input from other stakeholders Panel members discussed potential stakeholders to invite.

Next Steps

- Next CRP Event – October 10th, 2019
- Roundtable planning call with Chairs
- Strategy for panel member recruitment