

NYC Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services

Meeting Summary September 18, 2018 • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Attendees

Citizen Review Panel (CRP) Members

David Lansner
Stanley Capela
Jocelyn Brown
Mathea Rubin
Marion White

Welfare Research, Inc. (WRI)

Jennifer Goldman
Ellen Unruh

NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)

Amy Papandrea

Handouts

Agenda
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Welcome – *Panel Chair David Lansner*

Updates from August CRP Advocacy Day – *Panel Co-Chair Stanley Capela*

- Panel Co-Chair Stanley Capela provided a summary of the CRP Advocacy Day on August 27, 2018. Panel members met with Assemblymember Patricia Fahy, staff from Senator George Amedore's office, and staff from the republican senate finance committee and Division of Budget.
- The meeting with Assemblymember Fahy confirmed that the Panels will be more successful with focus on one budget ask. She was extremely engaged and agreed to support the Panels' work to increase funding for home visiting programs. Senator Amedore's staff was also receptive to supporting the Panels' ask.
- Panel members discussed the continuing need to meet frequently with legislators to help them recognize the role of the Panels in NYS child welfare.

WRI Updates – *Jennifer Goldman and Ellen Unruh*

- CRP Coordinator Jennifer Goldman provided updates on planning for the CRP Fall Home Visiting Symposium.
- WRI Associate Executive Director Ellen Unruh provided updates on a letter sent to OCFS on behalf of the CRPs requesting changes to CONNECTIONS to improve mandated reporter notifications.

OCFS Updates – *Amy Papandrea*

- Family First Act – OCFS hosted a webinar on the Family First Act and an initial convening with the goal of developing a blueprint for implementation.
- Raise the Age – Thirteen agencies are certified to accept 16 and 17 year old youth previously housed in adult correction facilities. OCFS convenes monthly learning collaboratives to discuss plans for implementation, challenges, and lessons learned. Panel members requested a list of Raise the Age certified agencies.
- Family Assessment Response (FAR) – OCFS is providing case data to FAR counties to improve performance and also encourage FAR program model fidelity. OCFS is also planning on hosting learning meetings for counties that have implemented FAR to gather and share lessons learned. Expansion plans continue for all boroughs in NYC. OCFS is looking into ways that FAR principles and engagement techniques can be infused into other program areas and trainings.
- Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) Program Improvement Plan (PIP) Implementation – OCFS continues to host quarterly meetings tracking progress on the implementation of PIP strategies and is currently meeting targets for implementation.
- Home Visiting – No new report.
- The Statewide Training Center is on track to open in January 2019.

Local Advocacy Discussion

- Panel members discussed plans for local level advocacy and some agreed to meet one on one with legislators in their districts.

Next Steps

- Next meeting
 - Fall Home Visiting Symposium – October 11, 2018
- Panel Chair David Lansner adjourned the meeting.