

**NYC Citizen Review Panel  
Meeting Summary  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

*Panel Members:* Dr. Jocelyn Brown, Stanley Capela (by phone), Wayne Ho, David Lansner, Mathea Rubin, Marion White

*Guests:* David Hansell, Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Eric Brettschneider, First Deputy Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Raymond Toomer, Associate Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Derrick Hinds, Assistant Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Kathleen Hoskins, Assistant Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Jaime Madden, Assistant Commissioner, NYC ACS  
Amy Papandrea, OCFS (by phone)

*WRI Staff:* Jennifer Goldman, CRP Coordinator and Program Specialist  
Ellen Unruh, Associate Executive Director  
Darlene Ward, Executive Director

**Handouts:**

- Agenda
- NYC Citizen Review Panel letter to ACS Commissioner David Hansell
- ACE Response Team article
- Bills to Watch in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
- Caseload Veto Message
- Home Visiting Whitepaper
- OCFS CPS Workload Roundtable PowerPoint
- ACS Press Release 9.15.17
- May 2, 2017 CRP Meeting Minutes

**Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

*David Lansner, Panel Chair*

David Lansner, NYC Panel Chair, convened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

**Agenda Item: Updates from NYC ACS**

ACS Commissioner David Hansell thanked the panel members for their letter which raised concerns about the child welfare system in NYC. He encouraged the panel to send any additional questions and continue to engage in an open dialogue with ACS. Commissioner Hansell then discussed several issues currently being addressed at ACS including appropriate CPS workload. Commissioner Hansell then shared that ACS will be engaging in a citywide workload study. He also discussed ACS' increased investment in training, preventive services, identifying kin resources, and improving the experience in family court. Panel members then continued the discussion with First Deputy Commissioner Eric Brettschneider including more positive press

opportunities, development of a data dashboard for preventive workers, and Child Advocacy Center policies.

**Agenda Item: Updates on Advocacy Workgroups – Educational Stability**

Raymond Toomer, Associate Commissioner; Derrick Hinds, Assistant Commissioner; Kathleen Hoskins, Assistant Commissioner and Jaime Madden, Assistant Commissioner updated panel members on the work of the Education Stability sub-committee. Immediate directives of the group include improving stability by eliminating barriers to providing transportation to school and creating a guide to education for foster parents. ACS is also working with the NYC Department of Education to improve policies for when potential cases of abuse or neglect are identified by school staff.

**Agenda Item: OCFS Updates**

*Amy Papandrea*

**Child and Family Service Review/ Program Improvement Plan (CFSR/PIP) Submission**

OCFS is working on revisions to the NYS Program Improvement Plan, based on feedback from the Administration for Children and Families.

**Family Assessment Response (FAR)**

No additional counties have agreed to implement FAR; however, no counties have discontinued the use of FAR. OCFS is in the process of transitioning contracted work on FAR implementation from the Butler Institute to the Center for Development of Human Services at SUNY Buffalo. OCFS is examining FAR data to identify FAR case outcomes and missed opportunities to track more cases to FAR. Panel members requested additional data on cases tracked to FAR.

**Home Visiting**

OCFS continues to use available funds to expand home visiting programs, especially in the NYC region.

**Workload Study**

Jennifer Goldman, WRI, provided a summary of the Statewide CPS Workload Roundtable.

**Raise the Age Bill**

OCFS did not have any updates on the implementation of the Raise the Age law.

**Agenda Item: WRI Updates**

*Jennifer Goldman*

Jennifer Goldman provided an update on the recent statewide Home Visiting Workgroup where Anne Heller, Power of 2, presented an overview of the innovative home visiting program based in NYC. Mrs. Goldman also reminded panel members to complete an updated confidentiality agreement form.

**Agenda Item: Closing Business**

*David Lansner*

Panel members discussed the recruitment of new potential members and topics for the next NYC CRP meeting in December including updates on the work of other ACS advocacy workgroups and anti- trafficking initiatives.

Mr. Lansner adjourned the meeting.