

**New York City Citizen Review Panel**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**December 5, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

*Panel Members:* David Lansner, Stanley Capela, Wayne Ho, Jocelyn Brown, Marion White, Mathea Rubin

*Guests:* Eric Brettschneider, ACS  
Rachel Jensen, ACS  
Asia Schonberg, ACS  
Phoebe Rosen, ACS  
Andrew White, ACS  
NYS Senator Martin Golden and staff  
Richard Klarberg, Council on Accreditation  
Grace Perry, Council on Accreditation

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

**Handouts:**

- Agenda
- NYC CRP Minutes 9.19.17
- Bills related to child welfare and sponsored by Senator Golden
- Council on Accreditation documents
- NYS CRP Operating Guidelines – with 11.28.17 revisions
- NYS CRP Proposed 2018 Meeting Dates
- Adoption Subsidy Bill article
- Early Childhood Home Visiting article
- ACE’s Impact on Child Welfare article
- Foster Care Youth Leaving the System article

**Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

*David Lansner, Panel Chair*

Panel Chair David Lansner convened meeting and asked panel members and guests to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item: WRI Updates**

*Jennifer Goldman, CRP Coordinator*

CRP Coordinator, Jennifer Goldman from WRI, provided pertinent updates to the panel members on the status of the Annual Report revisions, proposed revisions to the CRP Operating Guidelines, and proposed 2018 CRP meeting schedule. Panel members also discussed potential

meeting themes for 2018. Jennifer Goldman also provided the following OCFS updates, on behalf of Lisa Gordon, who was unable to attend:

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

OCFS received Technical Assistance from the Children's Bureau. The PIP has been updated accordingly and will be submitted by 12/31.

#### Family Assessment Response (FAR)

Accomplishments for 2017 include:

- FAR quality assurance assessment tool was incorporated into the ongoing case monitoring process
- The FAR track application was updated and re-launched
- The CPS Manual was updated to include FAR and is going through internal clearances
- The FAR Family Led Assessment Guide (FLAG) now needs to be submitted for the approval of a supervisor. This CONNECTIONS change was made at the request of counties using FAR.
- Regional offices participated in a two day FAR training for new staff and FAR refresher for seasoned staff.
- A computer based training provided to district staff prior to entering FAR Process and Practice training, was updated and is currently being produced.
- Oneida and Cortland are exploring the potential use of FAR.

Goals for 2018 include:

- Streamline an internal process for reviewing practice issues found during case reviews including sharing information with our training partners
- ACS is looking to greatly expand FAR in 2018. OCFS will be offering supports as needed through regular meetings with ACS
- Create webinars on the use of FAR when issues of domestic violence are identified in a case.

#### Home Visiting – Healthy Families New York (HFNY)

At the end of 2017 and beginning 2018, Healthy Families New York will expand to 4 additional programs bringing the total to 42 serving 46 communities. HFNY is currently going through the accreditation process as a state multi-system and completed gathering 15 year follow up information on its Randomized Control Trial study. OCFS anticipates hearing about findings in late 2018.

#### Workload Study

No updates since last meeting.

#### Raise the Age Bill

OCFS continues to work on the projected number of youth coming into the system as foster care placements and is developing a program and aftercare model. OCFS will be communicating with the field as soon as it is ready. OCFS is also developing DJJOY beds and working with the counties to create detention programs for the new population. OCFS continues to have ongoing

discussions with Office of Court Administration, State Education Department, and Division of Criminal Justice Services leadership.

### Fatalities

A new fatality report will be released soon. The number of safe sleeping related fatalities has gone down.

### Agenda Item: ACS Updates

Eric Brettschneider, ACS First Deputy Commissioner, described ACS' work to revive advocacy workgroup initiatives. Casey Family Programs facilitates the steering committee meetings as the committee is re-organizing workgroup structure to make more progress. Three new workgroups have been developed: family engagement, permanency, and housing and education services. Mr. Brettschneider also shared that committees have become a powerful vehicle to address identified issues and encourage interagency collaboration between housing, health, social services, early childhood and homelessness services in New York City.

Andrew White, ACS Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning, continued the discussion on how ACS is using predictive analytics to appropriately focus its preventive resources.

Panel Chair David Lansner thanked all the ACS staff for their time.

### Agenda Item: Legislative Discussion

*Senator Martin Golden*

Panel members discussed child welfare related legislative items with Senator Martin Golden. The Senator talked about current bills and also the potential impact of the current federal funding atmosphere applying extra pressure on the State budget to compensate for lost funding from the federal government. Panel members asked for feedback on the CRPs' proposal to seriously expand funding for home visiting. The Senator expects funding asks to far outpace available discretionary funds in the budget and suggested that the Panels spread funding requests out over several years. In closing, the Senator suggested sending an expedited home visiting funding proposal to the Governor's office given the timeline of the budget process. Panel Chair David Lansner thanked Senator Golden for his time.

### Agenda Item: Council on Accreditation

*Richard Klarberg and Grace Perry*

Richard Klarberg and Grace Perry from the Council on Accreditation described the work of the Council including assessing and accrediting both public and private human services organizations. Mr. Klarberg and Grace Perry summarized the accreditation process, and the development of sustainable change plans. They also talked about the inclusion of new child and family service standards, developed by the Council that also encompasses the federal Child and Family Service Review Standards. The Council also offers an accreditation readiness review as a precursor to the accreditation process. Panel Chair David Lansner thanked Mr. Klarberg and Ms. Perry for their time.

**Agenda Item: Closing Business**

*David Lansner*

Panel members briefly discussed FAR expansion in NYC and asked for a copy of the quality assurance FAR tool referenced in the OCFS updates. Mr. Lansner then adjourned the meeting. Next NYC CRP meeting is March 20, 2018.