



Alaska Citizen Review Panel

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CRP/OCS Teleconference

January 12, 2016 Summary Notes

Participation:

CRP members: **Diwakar, Dana, Bettyann, Donna, Rebecca, Joshua,**

OCS staff: **Travis**

II staff: **Jess, Brenda**

OCS Employee Survey

- Donna and Bernita from OCS will be at the introductory research class at UAA today.
- Diwakar will distribute the survey instrument in case any panel members have minor suggestions. Existing survey instrument is restructured but not changed much.
- Five students will do interviews of OCS workers, while another group will look at the previous year's data.

OCS Response to CRP Annual Report

- Travis explained how the in-home services model did not produce the results expected, and that he thinks it is because the model gets involved later than other models that are prevention oriented that can connect with parents much earlier. The OCS model does not go far enough up stream to have the impact hoped for.
 - Some Panel members disagreed that the OCS' comparison of their in-home service model to
- Although OCS is not mandated to do in-home services, OCS will reconsider options for in-home services in the future. Perhaps looking at tribal models or ways to get to families earlier through outside entities.

ARO Site Visit

- Visit is going well so far. Finished foster parent interviews, and going to the Anchorage School District this afternoon, among other appointments. Since the site visit is not finished, it would be premature to comment further at this time.

Coordinating Legislative Visit

- Will discuss further in February meeting. March 3 is the presentation by CRP and OCS to House HSS Committee.



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OCS update

- Nothing new to report beyond what was already discussed.

