



Alaska Citizen Review Panel

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Alaska Citizen Review Panel evaluates the policies, procedures, and practices of state and local child protection agencies for effectiveness in discharging their child protection responsibilities. The Panel is mandated through CAPTA 1997 (P.L. 104-235), and enacted through AS 47.14.205

Citizen Review Panel Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 6, 2015 12 p.m. Teleconference

Call in number: 855-257-8693 PIN 3998569

Attendance

CRP Panel members present: Diwakar Vadapalli, Chair, Dana Hallett, Margaret McWilliams, Bettyann Steciw, Donna Aguiniga, Rebecca Vale,

CRP Panel members excused: Jen Burkmire

Members of the public: Katrina Miller, undergraduate Social Work intern working on several CRP research projects for ISER.

Panel staff: Jessica Holden, Brenda Holden

Minutes

1. Review and discuss work plan for this year

- CRP gave formal approval of the work plan recently distributed. It will be posted to the website after fixing minor edits.
- Jessica from Information Insights sent out an invitation to all panel members to use DropBox. Panel members should contact Jess if they have trouble accessing DropBox.
- Diwakar is developing a template for documenting and tracking each goal.

2. Review preparations for Northern Site Visit

- Susan from Information Insights is making travel arrangements and contacting people to set up meetings. Jamie is preparing the packet and will send one week in advance. CRP members are asked to give feedback on what else would be useful or if there are things being provided that are not helpful.
- The schedule so far includes a two hour meeting with OCS staff Wednesday morning, including leadership and field office staff. Susan is working to set up Legal, adoptive parents and others. On Thursday, two will go to Galena, and two will go to Delta (and may have time for some Fairbanks meetings). Friday includes a wrap up with OCS staff and time to debrief and prepare the site visit report before traveling home.

- The northern region headquarters office covers Fairbanks rural and Fairbanks. Field office staff serving Galena and Delta work out of Fairbanks.

3. Public Testimony

- The meeting ended at 12:30. Diwakar agreed to call in at 12:50, with one staff member in case members of the public called in.
- Future agendas will include the following: *Public testimony occurs at the end of the agenda, however agenda topics do not have specified times. We encourage members of the public to listen to the entire meeting to hear the discussions of the CRP members.*

