



CRP OCS Monthly Meeting  
September 20, 2022 12-1pm  
Via Zoom

## MEETING NOTES

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

**CRP Participants:**

Cameron Adams, Chair  
Retchenda George-Bettisworth  
Kimberlee Saunders  
Sharon Sparks  
Trevor Storrs  
Colin Underwood  
Kathleen Yarr

**OCS Representative:**

Kim Guay, OCS Director

**State of Alaska Ombudsman:**

Denise Duff

**Coordinator Staff:**

Tricia Minnick, CRP Coordinator/Denali Daniels & Associates  
Magen Spencer, UAF/DDA Practicum Student

- Call To Order (Chair)
  - Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm
- Roll Call (Chair)
  - As above
- Annual Retreat Meeting Notes
  - **Colin made a motion to approve the Annual Retreat Meeting notes with Retchenda seconding the motion.**
  - **No discussion. 2022 Annual Retreat Meeting notes have been approved.**

- 2022-2023 Annual Work Plan
  - **Colin made a motion to approve the Work Plan with Trevor seconding the motion.**
  - **Discussion:**
    - Kathleen stated she would like to revisit the idea of in-person site-visits and she raised questions about the support contract budget. A discussion was held regarding site visits and Panel member time and travel budget constraints. The group discussed the merits of the current work plan language which allows for flexibility in activities.
    - Retchenda and Kimberlee had to leave the meeting due to other commitments.
  - **Colin made a motion to approve the Work Plan without amendments. Sharon seconded the motion.**
  - **Roll call vote: All were in favor; none opposed.**
  - **2022-2023 Annual Work Plan approved.**
- CRP brief OCS on Work Plan activities (Chair)
  - Cameron shared the planned activities
    - Reviewed each action by enduring priority area
  - Cameron requested information from OCS on organizational wellness metrics.
    - Kim explained they do not have formal metrics. OCS conducts exit surveys and annual staff surveys, and they use the themes revealed in those surveys when addressing organizational culture challenges.
  - Cameron stated that the CRP will need contact information for regional managers and supervisors for the planned round table discussions. The CRP is also requesting a direct link to the CRP website be placed on the OCS website and they would like to discuss ways to engage with the OCS newsletter.
    - Action item: Chair will follow up on request with OCS via email
  - Requested an update from OCS on programs that have been recently implemented
    - OCS response (Kim)
      - Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN): One cohort has been trained, the second cohort will begin training soon.

- Mental health clinician: This position is part of the Governor's new budget; they're waiting for the position to be officially created. They expect to be able to hire for that program in the next couple of months.
    - Budget: As indicated in their Annual Report, the CRP will be writing a letter to advocate for the CRP to have a line in the Governor's budget.
  - OCS brief CRP (Kim)
    - Consent decrees: There was a class action lawsuit filed in May by A Better Childhood against the State of Alaska regarding the child welfare system. This group looks at systems reform needed in each state. A discussion was held on the process of consent decrees and the challenges associated with them including the impact on staff morale.
    - Governor's committees on child welfare: They will release recommendations soon and it would be interesting to see if they line up with what the CRP recommended. Colin shared he had recently attended one of the governor's committee meetings related to foster parents and caseworkers; their recommendations and findings were similar to the CRP's recommendations and findings. There may be an opportunity for collaboration.
    - Strategic planning meeting with the University of Alaska: OCS met with the UAA and UAF School of Social Work; they're working together to develop short-term and long-term plans regarding ways to recruit workers from the Child Welfare Academy.
  - Public Comment Period
    - There was no public comment.
  - Adjourn – Chair
    - Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm