

## **Citizen Review Panel for Prevention**

### **2018-2019 Annual Report**

#### **Purpose**

The United States Congress mandates that states receiving federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) funding develop and utilize a minimum of three Citizen Review Panels to assess and develop recommendations for the improvement of a state's child protection system. In Michigan, three panels were established to look at issues related to *prevention, children receiving care in the system, and child fatalities*.

#### **Committee Members**

Teri Banas, Michigan's Children, Communications Manager

Michele Corey, Michigan's Children, Vice President for Programs

Robert Dorigo-Jones, Michigan's Children, Policy/Outreach Associate

Suzanne Greenberg, Children's Trust Fund, Executive Director

Rita McPhail, Evaluation & Organizational Insights, CRP Coordinator

Emily Schuster-Wachsberger, Children's Trust Fund, Local Council Coordinator

#### **2018-2019 Meeting Dates and Activities**

Monday, November 19, 2018

The committee decided to try a different model this year in the form of public hearings to solicit comments regarding the question:

*How can the prevention community (both social services and public health) address the ongoing epidemic of substance abuse that endangers Michigan's Children?*

CTF agreed to approach MI Children to partner with us since they have experience with citizen panels.

The committee also developed a logic model reflecting the scope, activities and desired outcomes from the panels.

Thursday, December 5, 2018

Discussed duties and assignments related to planning the first panel.

Wednesday, Feb 6, 2019 (Phone Conference)

Discussed potential locations for hearings around the state and who might serve on a listening panel. Local politicians and relevant program directors were suggested.

Also determined that first panel would be held in the afternoon after the Annual Child Abuse Awareness Rally and lunch on, April 25, 2019. The committee hopes to hold at least 4 -5 more additional panels over the course of 2 years, ending in 2020.

Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019 (No Minutes – See Other Products list below)

Developed project management tool and planning template for individual panels.

Friday, March 8, 2019 (Phone Conference)

Preparation for April 25, 2019 panel, including discussion about who would attend. Discussed funding and who would develop concept paper for MI Health Foundation.

Thursday, April 25, 2019

The first Citizen Review Panel was held at the Central United Methodist Church in downtown Lansing, Michigan from 1-2:30 pm. Representatives from the CTF Local Councils, many of which attended the Child Abuse Awareness Rally held earlier in the day, composed the majority of the speakers and attendees. Several legislators or their representatives also attended as well as several administrators from the Office of Child Welfare Programs and Policies who work in the area of substance abuse. A stenographer recorded the testimony of the day's speakers, listed in the order of appearance below.

Jessica Kincaid, MDHHS in the Office of Child Welfare Programs and Policies  
Kim Metger, Family Support Center of Barry County  
Sarah Berdiner, CASA for Kids Incorporated in Barry and Ingham Counties  
Teresa Stokes, Child and Family Charities, Clinton and Ingham Counties  
Bishop Reginald Bluestein, Deputy Director of C.A.R.E, Detroit Area  
Erica Schmittdiel, National Association of Social Workers, Michigan Chapter  
Stephanie Hirschert-Walton, Eaton Regional Educational Service Agency  
Christine Hansen, Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative, Clinton and Eaton Counties  
Michelle Walters, Washtenaw Area Council for Children  
Cassandra Kiger, Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County, Director of Prevention and Diversity

The transcript from this day and those from all of the future panels will be analyzed using *dedoose*, an online software program. This analysis will provide the basis for the Committee's recommendations to MDHHS in 2019-2020 as well as provide direction for advocacy work at the local, regional and state levels in the future.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

The Committee met to debrief and review the April 25, 2019 Panel. Discussed composition and leadership of the CRP Committee this program year, given the new format and changes in the

leadership at CTF. Discussed division of labor, other dates and potential participants in future panels. The committee will continue to pursue additional funding and collaborations.

**Schedule of future Citizen’s Review Panels:**

Monday, September 23, 2019	Livingston and Washtenaw County area
Monday, October 7, 2019	Upper Peninsula, Marquette Live Stream Meeting

CTF Locals Councils from the following areas are also interested:

Wayne and Macomb County Area (Lacey)  
Flint/Genesee County Area (Niecy)  
Kent and Allegan County Area  
Grand Traverse or Wexford and Lake County Area (Karen Staub)

**Other Products: Available upon request**

Logic Model  
Project Management Matrix and Individual Panel Planning Template (several versions)  
Project Budget  
Concept Paper for Funders  
Save the Date Flyer for first panel  
Evaluation Plan and Budget  
Transcript from April 2019 Panel