

District IV Citizen Review Panel Meeting
Central District Health Department 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, Idaho
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 ~ 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Panel Members: Melissa Mezo, Brian McCauley, Nicole Noltensmeyer, Kym Nilsen, Darcie Bobrowski, Teri Murrison

Staff: Jaime Aanensen (Central District Health Department), Andie Blackwood (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare)

Introductions: Brian led the group through introductions.

Citizen Review Panel Meeting Call to Order

Brian McCauley, Panel Chair, called to order the District IV Citizen Review Panel meeting at 4:07 PM.

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Motion: Teri made a motion and Nicole seconded; no further discussion; all in favor, motion carried.

Consent Agenda for May 7, 2019

Consent agenda stands as presented. Teri suggested taking time to allow for brief introductions before Matt's presentation. Brian amended the agenda to allow for brief introductions before the guest speaker, Matt Shaughnessy.

Motion: Teri made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Nicole seconded. No further discussion; all in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Brian Shaughnessey

Each Panel Member and staff provided a brief introduction. Matt Shaughnessy shared his experience in the foster care system. He went through 8-9 caseworkers when he was in the foster care system and learned to shut out emotions. He had to learn how to cope and survive which leads to attachment disorder. He continually saw new faces and had to undergo years of psychotherapy to learn how to have relationships and develop attachments to people and things. There was a discussion about how to support the child and place them in a stable environment for 90 days while resources are infused into the family. Then, if it does not work for the family, place the child in the system. There was some concern about the child being out of the home for a short period like 3-6 months. In-home program for families could be a short-term solution, but it depends on the situation and the level of abuse/extreme nature of the case as well as the quality of the foster home.

Brian mentioned a couple of things that are in the works such as the TBRI group and life-coaching program. Matt suggested it is a two-way street; the system has to open up and let outsiders in rather than being a "members' only club".

Teri asked if Senator Souza is still working on a bill for 2020 session. Brian was unsure so he will check and report back to the Panel.

Term Start Date: 1/1/2019 versus 7/1/2018

Group decided that the term will align with the seat. For example, whoever takes vacant spot will finish out that term. New members will fill unexpired term.

Motion: Teri made a motion to approve and Nicole seconded. No further discussion; all in favor, motion carried.

New Panel Member Update

Jaime provided an update on applications and interviews conducted with candidates. Three applications were reviewed by Panel members and it was determined the Panel will interview the top three candidates. Interviews will be face-to-face and 15 minutes in length to occur the week of May 20. Panel members to send Jaime/Alexis sample interview questions by 5/10/19; Jaime/Alexis will put into final format and distribute to Panel members. For the interviews, CDHD staff will use these date options: May 20, 2019, after 3 PM and May 21, 2019, after 5 PM. Interviews will be held at CDHD.

Reviewing Cases by Timeframes Check-in

There is inconsistent naming of reports. Panel is learning about the review process and is getting better. Brian is meeting with IDHW Director Jeppesen and Senator Lee on May 24, 2019, to discuss the foster care reform legislation and how the Panel is unable to access all foster parents and guardians of each case along with all case documents. If the Panel is not granted access to foster parents and guardians, foster parents and guardians have the option to contact the Panel directly as Panel members are interested in hearing from foster parents and guardians.

Executive Session

Brian called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:25 PM. Melissa moved that the Panel go into Executive Session under Idaho Statute 74-206 (1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure; seconded by Teri; confirmed by roll call: Bobrowski, aye; McCauley, aye; Mezo, aye; Murrison, aye; Nilsen, aye; Noltensmeyer, aye.

At 6:04 PM, the Panel returned to regular session.

Reviewing Cases

Darcie will make new case review assignments and Nicole will keep track of themes. The Panel will continue to track themes and then decide which area to address. Darcie asked about having a Judge or retired Judge meet with the Panel. Brian suggested Judge Murray would be a good person to come talk with the Panel. Melissa suggested bringing in Judge Ellis to talk with him about the themes. Kym asked if it was too early to meet with Judge Ellis or if the Panel should wait until a few additional cycles of case review. Darcie recommended both Judges come talk to the Panel to obtain different perspectives. If a Panel member wants to get a summary of case files, send Brian case file number to send over to GALs. Andie will send over four cases to each Panel member from March and May 2018. At future meetings, Panel will do brief business and then move into case review. Nicole will get a guest speaker, Amy Morgan, for the next meeting. Brian will be absent at June meeting so Darcie is facilitating June meeting. At next Panel meeting,

discuss holding a meeting on July 2 or rescheduling. Melissa suggested having a guardian ad litem meet with the Panel for educational purposes.

Adjournment: Nicole made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darcie seconded. No further business was brought before the Panel; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Minutes Prepared by Jaime Aanensen