



**Citizen's Review Panel Meeting Minutes  
Thursday January 4, 2024**

**PANEL MEMBERS:**

Stephanie Morgan – Chairperson – Present  
Karee Curry – Co-Chair – Present (virtual)  
Kari Hatcher – Panel Member – Present (virtual)  
Angie Martinez – Panel Member - Present  
John Baldazo – Panel Member – Absent  
Lori Rainboth – Panel Member – Present

**OTHER:**

Marinda Squibb – DHW Liaison – Present  
Jo Dollinger – SWDH Liaison – Present  
January Gibbens – Guest – Present (virtual)  
Joshua Dolton – Guest Speaker

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Stephanie Morgan called the meeting to order at 9:00

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS; APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 1/04/2024**

Panel members reviewed the agenda.

**MOTION:** Angie Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda for January 4, 2024, with no additional items to add. Lori Rainboth seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 11/2/2023**

Panel members reviewed the meeting minutes from the meeting held November 2, 2023.

**MOTION:** Angie Martinez made a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, Citizen's Review Panel meeting minutes as presented. Chairperson Stephanie Morgan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

**GUEST SPEAKER – Josh Dolton – Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Washington County**

Josh Dolton introduced himself to the panel. He is the deputy prosecuting attorney for Washington County. Josh received his degree in 2004. He previously worked in Malheur County Oregon and Payette County. He is also a baseball coach for Weiser High School. Josh explained his role in child protection cases. Often, when a child is injured, no charges are filed due to not having enough evidence to prove who abused them. If a police officer fails to follow protocol or remove a child in imminent danger, it is up to the county sheriff and chief of police to discipline the officer. Josh agreed that Idaho needs more money and resources to investigate child abuse and neglect cases.

Josh reviewed the CRP meeting minutes from the meeting on November 2, 2023. He went over some of the topics covered by Judge Darrington in the November meeting. He reiterated the fact that a shelter care hearing must occur within 48 hours after child removal from home. A child may be removed by a peace officer without an order if a child is endangered in their surroundings and prompt removal is necessary to prevent serious physical or mental injury to the child, or if the child is abandoned. The shelter care hearing is usually the first court hearing in a CPA case. At the shelter

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care hearing, the child's best interests and welfare must be based upon a competent assessment of whether the child will be safe if the child returns to or remains in his or her home. Children are considered unsafe when three conditions are present: threats of danger exists with the family, the child is vulnerable to such threats, and the parents have insufficient protective capacities to manage or control these threats. The shelter care hearing is governed by Idaho code 16-1615.

Josh gave the panel an overview of the history of child protective services. In 1825, states enacted laws giving social-welfare agencies the right to remove neglected children from their parents and from the streets. At that time, these children were placed in orphanages. In 1874 the first child abuse case was prosecuted. In 1926, 18 states had some version of county child welfare boards. In 1958, amendments to the Social Security Act mandated that states fund child protections efforts. By the mid-60's, 49 states passed child abuse reporting laws. Partly funded by the federal government, child protective services agencies were first established in response to the 1974 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. In 1980, Congress introduced the first comprehensive federal child protective services act, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act, to manage the high numbers of children in placement.

If the child is 12 years or older, the judge will appoint an attorney and may also appoint guardian ad litem for the child. CARES (Children at Risk Evaluation Services) should interview children under 12 years old, whether they are the victim or offender.

**QUARTERLY REPORT REVIEW:** Each member of the panel was given a copy of the CRP quarterly report to review. After reviewing the report, Chairperson Stephanie Morgan asked Jo Dollinger to submit the report.

**PANEL MEMEBERS IN-KIND HOURS AND CASE NUMBERS REVIEW:** Due to not having a meeting in December, there were only four cases reviewed and 9.5 in-kind hours.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN ACCRODANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 74-206(d):**

At 11:45 am Lori Rainboth made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Angie Martinez

At 12:15 pm co-chair Karee Curry made the motion to leave the Executive Session. Angie Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as written:

Jo Dollinger

Citizens Review Panel Liaison

Stephanie Morgan

  
Chairperson

Date:

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Next meeting: **February 1, 2024 @ 9:00 am**

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