



**Citizen Review Panel Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 7, 2021**

PANEL MEMBERS:

Cindy Floyd
Hal Iverson
Angela Williams
Stephanie Phillips
Carol Julius

STAFF MEMBERS:

Barbara Felty, SWDH (Southwest District Health)
Tim Barrass

GUESTS:

Jenny Easley
Jill Kenny
Kelsie Moseley

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Cindy Floyd called the business meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE 12-7-2021 AGENDA

MOTION: Stephanie Phillips moved to accept the agenda, and Carol Julius seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 10-5-2021 MINUTES

MOTION: Stephanie Phillips moved to accept the minutes from 10-5-2021, and Cindy Floyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PANEL MEMBERS IN-KIND HOURS AND CASE NUMBER REVIEWED

Hours and numbers were recorded.

REVIEW OF PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT) CONCERNS

Here is a list of issues we came up with at our staff meeting. These are based on feedback & observation from working with bio parents who are working toward reunification.

- Lack of understanding why their child was taken
- Lack of knowing/understanding what actions are needed to complete case plan to reunify with their child
- Time requirements for completing items on case plan

- Bio parents are unable to build natural parenting relationships with their child/ren based on limited visit time
- Artificial interactions due to the presence of observers & unfamiliar surroundings
- Parenting skills/behaviors that may look different due to cognitive or physical delays/disorders
- Case plans are legal documents written at a college level – not appropriate for the general public
- Bio parents are hesitant to ask questions, or they do not understand what is happening for fear that it will make things worse for them
- Unclear explanations about who will decide if they have completed their case plan, how that will be decided and when it will happen
- Multiple changes of caseworkers
- Supervised visit scheduling and transportation issues
- Supervised visit scheduling due to COVID
- Lack of understanding the role of the Family Connections service/ provider

DISCUSS TALKING POINTS FOR LEGISLATIVE COMM MEETING 12-10-21 at 10 AM. Four talking points were decided upon.

1. IDHW (Idaho Department of Health and Welfare) is not hearing or responding to the CRP's recommendations
2. Canyon County needs more judges to hear Foster Care cases
3. Social workers have too high case loads
4. Lack of services for children and parents due to low Medicaid reimbursement rate

Other recommendations:

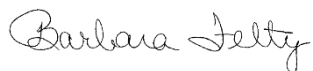
1. Find grants/funding for a Linden House (good previous parent asset)
2. Liaison/advocate between court system and the bio parent. Utilize Guardian Ad Litem.
3. Family Connection and Family Preservation
4. Another magistrate judge for Canyon County

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:04 p.m. Hal Iverson made a motion to go into the executive session. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Phillips. Roll Call taken.

At 12:16 p.m. Cindy Floyd made a motion to go out of the executive session. The motion was seconded by Hal Iverson.

Respectfully Submitted



Barbara Felty
Citizen Review Panel Coordinator

Next meeting: Tuesday, *January 4, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.*