



## **Statewide Citizen Review Panel Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, June 20, 2024**

**8:30am-10:00pm via MS Teams**

TA Chair: Monica Ka'auwai

Recorder: Noe Realin

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. Welcome and Check-in**

- Present: Flo, Monica, Stephen, Leah, Chris, Noe, Michelle ABSENT: Heidi
  - Chris: shared about the different experiences kids have while there are in program at LT Ranch

#### **II. Meeting Minutes**

- May meeting minutes: APPROVED

#### **III. DHS Reports to CRP | Florence Calderon**

- Budget: Does not have updated budget at this time
  - Financial books are currently closed
  - Spent about 75% of our budget
  - New budget starts in July (\$15K)
- New Director: Ryan Yamane
  - Currently in on leave for a week
  - TA: Krista
- Assistant Dir: Tim position has not been filled
  - TA: Elladine for the next 3 weeks
- Hazard pay during COVID (March 2020-2022)
  - Union and state voted and supported it
  - Distribution will happen in October 2024
  - \$10K-20K lump sum
  - Staff need to show that they physically were working during this time
    - Need to be able to justify you were working in the field or in the office
- New Supervisor in West Oahu CWS
  - Bryant Janicki: new supervisor

- Kepua Lee: new section administrator
- Continue to work on different audits with feds (CSFR/APSR)
  - Prioritizing APSR as it is due soon
  - CSFR deadline is also coming up
- Encourage CRP members participate in CSFR reviews
  - Participate in reviews in your area
- Shortage pay has been distributed
  - Pay is based on geographic positions/hardest position to fill
  - Staff are upset due to vast difference in pay
  - Pay is only for 2 years
  - Negatively impacts morale
    - Example: staff has reported vast differences. Two case managers in the same section. One CM with 20+ years CM experience with CWS is reportedly receiving \$40 per month and another CM with less than 5 years CM experience is receiving \$300 per month.
    - Similar to feeling of time during RIF: staff may be feeling bad feelings towards each other
    - This can negatively affect retention
- Positions in PD have not been filled
  - Secretary is pregnant and will be on leave for 3 months starting in September
- COVID cases are on the rise
  - DHS will be coming out with an announcement due to rise in numbers

#### **IV. CRP Business**

##### **Old Business Follow-up**

- a. CRP application revision
  - Michelle will send updated application that was completed in May 2024 meeting to Flo/will send to Flo today will cc Monica
  - Flo will make application a PDF so changes cannot be made
- b. By-Laws update: currently with AGs for review
  - This is not high on priority with AGs
  - No timeline when we will receive it back
  - Flo will keep panel updated
- c. Welcome documents review:
  - Monica will create a group to put together a welcome packet for new members
  - Flo: someone reached out to Elladine inquiring on the work of CRP in Hawaii
    - Possibility of creating a website for panel to share information

- This website could hold information about what CRP is and how to apply.
- Currently CRP report in the only thing on the DHS website
- Is it possible to add a link on the DHS website
- Flo will reach out to PIO to see if we can add information (upload brochure) to DHS site
- This could be a place to hold all important documents (i.e. tip sheet)
- Having a website takes a lot of time and effort to monitor
- Starter: have information added to DHS site
- d. Recruitment: Joe O'Connell (Hilo), Butch Gima (Lana'i), Karen Holt (Moloka'i), Kaileen Nihipali (Waianae)
  - Once PDF is created we can share with people above
- e. CRP Annual Report response-address corrected and resend requested
  - Have not received revised corrected version
- f. National CRP conference May 19-21, 2024 report back
  - Monica shared NCRP link with the different presentation slides to all panel members
  - Monica: our relationship of our panel gels well/other states have issues
    - Smaller states have one panel
    - Larger states have multiple panels
  - Child Death Review (CDR): how can be get TA assistance in starting this. This could be very valuable and understand can also be very sensitive
    - Leah: Hawaii Health Data Warehouse
      - This agency holds information/data here
      - Receives information from different islands. Focus is on child safety stuff (safe sleep, falls, suicide)
      - Information is only as good at the data provided
    - Flo: at last NCRP re: CDR
      - How can CRP be more involved in death reviews
      - This does fall under CAPTA.
      - Need to have valid information
      - Look at having a member to be part of Death Review. These meetings are closed. Falls under DOH. Family Health Services (FHS) division will appoint people to be part of this review. As well as appointed physicians. Oahu: Maternal and Child Health are under FHS.
      - Will review all type of cases not just CWS cases. Panel select cases to review.
      - Leah has access only to information for Kauai because she is part of DOH Kauai

- Look at discussing this further at future CRP meetings.
- Leah will check on steps to inquire

## **V. CRP Projects**

### **a. Family First Hawaii**

- Stephen shared FFH notes from last meeting
- To prevent short term stay
- Most recent meeting discussed disproportionality of Native Hawaiian children in foster care
- The root cause is unknown/ethnic biases/cultural sensitivity
- Large group of 20+ people
- Very data base group/but there is also missing data
- Short stays in foster care are decreasing
- Native Hawaiian perspective training is being offered to new hires at CWS
  - This training is now being developed to an 8-hour training and will be offered to all staff
  - Working on bite size trainings to keep this information going

### **b. CWS Retention: Survey Monkey questionnaire hui**

- Next meeting: July 12

## **Announcements**

### **Law Update: August 9**

- CRP interested in attending: CRP funds may be able to pay

### **Malama 'Ohana meetings in Kauai, Wahiawa, Waimanalo**

### **Hale Kipa CAMHD contract: support letter from panel members**

- Trafficking support program: will share with Flo

### **July: transitioning chair to Chris**

- Will talk to Chris before transition happens

### **Next meeting: July 18, 2024, 8:30am-10:00 via MS Teams**

- Aug 15: Kona in-person meeting
  - Chris is helping at LT Ranch this month
  - He will check with LT Ranch if we are able to hold our August meeting there