

Kentucky Citizen Review Panel Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2009



On October 17, the Citizen Review Panel gathered at the Double Tree Suites in Lexington for an orientation seminar presented by Dr. Blake Jones . New members came together to learn about the Citizen Review Panels and to share their own ideas. Speaker Jim Grace spoke on the Division of Protection and Permanency.



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Mr. Grace also gave a very informative talk on the DCBS process, reporting calls, tracking, all the way to the process of removing from the home.

DCBS goals for the future

- Enhance family involvement and capacity to provide
- Enhance stability and permanency
- Enhance community partnership
- Strengthen quality assurance systems

National Citizens Review Panel Conference will be held in Lexington, KY on May 26th-28th.

Awards

Eastern Mountain

Genesis Kikore-Trout

Northeast

Jerri Willis

Jefferson

Bryan Fantoni

Southern Bluegrass

Joanna Rodes

Lakes

Dr. Peggy Pittman-Munich

Friend Award

Jim Grace

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Jefferson

November 18th

January 20th

February 17th

Southern Bluegrass

November 27th

January 22nd

February 26th



New research published on Citizen Participation

A recent article published in the *Journal of Public Child Welfare* discusses citizen participation in the forms of Citizen Review Panels, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and Foster Care Review Boards. The authors—Crystal Collins-Camargo, Blake Jones and Seth Krusich—give “helpful hints” for involving citizens in public child welfare. They note that the process of citizen participation is a two way street of state agencies providing training, support and information to the citizen groups and citizens taking responsibility for remaining unbiased and fair in their evaluation.

Collins-Camargo, C., Jones, B.L, & Krusich, S. (2009). The “Spinach” of Citizen Participation in Public Child Welfare: Strategies for Involving Citizens in Public Child Welfare. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 3, 287-304.

News From Around The Nation

The Mississippi CRP have been making several new advances. They are making plans to work with the universities to form two regional panels. The Panels have also been granted permission to choose their own members, a luxury they have not had in the past. Each Panel will have a practicum student to assist them in their work.

Starting in November 2009, the Panels will evaluate the newly forming centralized intake system. Also, the Department of Human Services will be working with an independent contractor to coordinate with all of the Panels

Congratulations to the Mississippi Citizen Review Panels for all of their hard work and advancements.



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New Mexico

The New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) is adding their data base the document “Case Summery” that documents information from the case worker for the review board. This will pull data directly out of the CYFD’s data system and will lessen the burden on the case worker. The CYFD and the New Mexico Panel also hope to form a “companion data” system to help facilitate information to the legislator.

In other news, all thirteen judicial districts are developing Child Welfare Improvement Plan meetings in collaboration with the New Mexico Court Improvement Program to improve legal timelines and outcome in their cases.

The Panel has also developed a Preview Report which includes their recommendations, pre-annual report, to give the legislators at chance to use the recommendations and draft legislation.

They have also put together a legislative and public awareness publication called Remember Me which can be seen on the National Citizen Review Panel website.

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