

Citizen Review Panel Questionnaire

The following questionnaire is designed to gather your feedback about the Citizen Review Panels. The information gathered here will be used to expand citizen involvement on behalf of Minnesota's children, and to evaluate whether the structure of the current program effectively supports panels in achieving their goals to protect children.

This questionnaire is a follow-up study from the one conducted last Spring. Now that the panels have been meeting for some time, it will be helpful to gather your feedback once again. Please note that I am administering this survey as an outside evaluator and a citizen volunteer. Your answers will remain completely confidential, and I will report results as composites so that individual participants' responses cannot be identified. In order to gather accurate information that is reflective of panel members thoughts, I ask that you fill out the following questionnaire as precisely and accurately as you can. I have included space after many questions if you wish to comment or elaborate on any answers. Space is also provided at the end of the survey for any additional comments you wish to make.

Please return this survey by mail at your earliest convenience, preferably before _____ . An addressed and stamped envelope has been enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact me at _____ . This cover page is for your information and should be removed from the questionnaire once completed.

*Your participation in this survey is voluntary and anonymous, but your answers are important to the accuracy of this evaluation and the success of this program. **Please do not put your name on the survey.***

Thank you very much for your participation,

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I. Panel Member Background Information

1. Which county does your Citizen Review Panel represent? _____
2. How long have you served as a Citizen Review Panel Member? _____

Questions 3-7 are optional. By answering them you will help us gather information about the demographic make up of the Citizen Review Panels. You do not need to answer them to complete the remainder of the questionnaire. Be assured that only the outside evaluator will see your survey form and will only report composite numbers to ensure your confidentiality. If you do not wish to answer these questions, please skip down to question 8.

3. Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
4. Race/Ethnicity: _____
5. Profession/Occupation (former occupation if retired): _____
6. Education level completed (please check the option that fits best):
High School Technical Training/Some College Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree PhD Other
7. What is your annual household income? (please check the option that fits best)
Under \$25,000 \$25-34,999 \$35-44,999 \$45-54,999 \$55-64,999 \$65-74,999
\$75-84,999 \$85-94,999 \$95-104,999 \$105-114,999 \$115-124,999 Over \$125,000
8. What experience have you had with child protective services prior to joining the Citizen Review Panel? (e.g. foster parent, biological parent of foster child, child protection expertise, guardian ad litem, concerned citizen, health care professional, etc.)

II. Panel Member Perspectives on Child Protection System

9. What do you feel are the most important issues facing child protection services and the children in the system today? _____

24. This panel has sufficient autonomy from the county to act as a citizen directed group.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

25. This panel has sufficient autonomy from DHS to act as a citizen directed group.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

26. The members on this panel are representative of the surrounding community.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

27. There are important perspectives not currently represented on this panel.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Please list any you believe are not adequately represented: _____

28. I feel that the priorities and tasks set by this panel are the most pressing.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

29. I feel that the goals and objectives set by this panel can be attained by the panel's current activities.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

30. What might help or hinder the panel in achieving its goals to improve child protection for your county? _____

31. Are there any issues that this panel should consider that it is not currently addressing? _____

32. What do you think is the greatest strength of the panel's work? _____

33. Several other Minnesota counties will be forming Citizen Review Panels. To help make these successful, could you please identify two things that have worked well and two things that should be changed about this program. _____

34. I believe this is a worthwhile program for other counties to implement.
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

35. How much influence do you predict this panel will have on child protection in Minnesota?
Significant amount Moderate amount Not much influence No influence

36. Children in Minnesota will be better protected because of the Citizen Review Panels?
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

If there are any additional comments you would like to make, please feel free to write them on the space below. Thank you very much for your time.