

Citizen Review Panel Annual Report
For the Period **January 1 – December 31, 2008**

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| Name of Panel: | MARATHON COUNTY |
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Briefly describe the number and type of meetings held in 2008: 4 Quarterly Full Panel Meetings; Monthly meetings for the Membership & Public Information Sub Committees, 3 Executive Committee meetings for strategic planning & oversight; Attend Statewide CRP meeting 6/5/08 with R. Bicha, 4 members attend National CRP Meeting, St Paul, Mn 5/21-23/08

Where applicable, please describe the panel's activities in regards to:

1. Evaluating local child protection services:
 - Additional meeting time added to educate the panel on the Child Welfare system
 - Received information on and participated in focus groups for the state Quality Service Review of cases in Marathon County
 - Continue to receive information about results of the Quality Service Review of cases in Marathon County
 - Provided information to the CRP members regarding the new Community Response partnership and service
 - Information shared regarding the ongoing DSS meetings with law enforcement and the medical community to strengthen and enhance partnerships

2. Evaluating local and State progress under the State CAPTA Plan
 - Director attended the National CAN conference in Milwaukee and reported information regarding child protection issues to the group
 - Received information regarding the new State Department of Children and Family Services and the impact on child welfare services in the state

3. Review of cases, child fatalities and near fatalities
 - As part of the education portion of the quarterly meetings, a number of child protective service cases were summarized to help explain the investigation process and provision of child welfare services
 - Marathon County has a separate Child Fatality Review team chaired by the County Coroner; cases are reviewed at this meeting and do not currently involve CRP

4. Review of the extent to which the child protective services system is coordinated with the foster care and adoption programs

- Foster Parent is a member of the CRP; no specific foster care issues were addressed

5. Public outreach and comment :

- Public Information committee completed a brochure to orient new members and the community on the Marathon County CRP

Please describe other panel activities or issues addressed in 2008

- Information regarding national CRP's and national child welfare issues shared by the CRP members that attended the "The River Rushes On" 7th Annual CRP Conference
- Continued reorganization and evaluation of the new quarterly meeting format and strategic plan
- Participation in video conference discussion with Sec Bicha and other CRPs.

Describe any challenges or difficulties the panel encountered in 2008

- Ongoing efforts to engage and maintain active and involved members
- Ongoing effort to identify relevant and meaningful issues for the committee
- Continued efforts to engage members in leadership roles

Recommendations to improve child protection services at the local level:

- Exploration of Alternative Response model
- Maintain adequate funding or explore alternatives to implementation of programs

Recommendations to improve child protection services at the State level:

- continue improvements of the eWISACWIS system
- evaluation of revenues to replace anticipated decrease in IV E funding.

Recommendations to improve State support of local CRPs:

- Identify 2-3 State wide issues for CRP's to focus on and provide the State with comprehensive feedback and recommendations

Indicate if training and/or technical assistance is needed or desired in 2009. Specify the areas in which you would like to receive training or assistance.

- Provide on site DCFS presence at CRP quarterly meetings
- DCFS staff may provide information for all panel members that may consist of a review of the CPS Standards/Statutes, Department policies and/or the CAPTA plan.

Please send an electronic copy of the completed annual report to Paula Brown at PaulaL.Brown@wisconsin.gov . Thank you.