

Minutes: Hennepin County Citizen Review Panel

Date: November 17, 2025

Attendance: Sarah Driever, Marquita Ryan, Mary Kane, Jamal Mohamed, Kimette Almon, Cathy Spann, Dominique Brown, Donavan Begay, Carmin Hatchett, Josefina Geronimo, Jill Esch, Laura Gapske, Afton Delgado, Ben Taylor, Dr. Beartic Officer (co-chair), and Darringer Funches (co-chair).

Absent: Allie Dischinger (excused), Charmaine Young, Nicholas Jenkins (excused), and Emma Daugherty

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Reminder** - submit stipend request to Kal Ajmi on Fridays after the CRP monthly meetings
- III. **Presentation: Donavan Begay from Little Earth Residence Association**
 - Native preference housing complex
 - Events coming up and need community volunteers
 - Agency is fundraising for necessary updates and renovations
 - Dr. Bea and Darringer have volunteers to attend at Thursday's event
- IV. **Recommend appointment of Janice McDaniels**
Motion by Dr. Beartic, second by Sarah: passed by unanimous vote.
- V. **CRP 2026 Conference**
 - a. Selection criteria/process (see Forms survey link to be sent out by Gapske to all panels <https://forms.office.com/g/Yu0fK1MV3F>
- VI. **November Events**
 - Improving Youth Outcomes, 11/19, 6-7:00pm, 1256 Penn Avenue North
 - Civic Engagement Education Series, 11/20, 5:30-7:30 pm, 7411 85th Avenue North,
 - CBT building in Helling Hall
 - In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Little Earth Residents Association is
 - hosting an Appreciation Feast & Social Dance on Friday, November 21st at 4pm, at
 - the East Phillips Park Community & Cultural Center.
 - ICWA Meet and Greet with 185 attendees included all the members of Cathy's team
- VII. **Annual report for 2025**
 - What did we accomplish in 2025?
 - a. Membership increased and panel seat vacancies filled
 - b. Jamal conducted a full collaborative safety mapping process with Kimette
 - c. Scott and Mary Kane conducted the mapping process

- d. Attended Collaborative Safety training for new members
- e. Training and presentations on MN AAFPCWDA
- f. Planning and starting monthly case reviews for panel members next year and established path to request more cases are forwarded to the panel.
- Where are systems improvements needed?
 - a. Scheduling barriers even with flexibility of in-person and Zoom to conduct collaborative safety mapping
- What did you learn from involvement in collaborative safety case mapping?
 - a. Need to find out if we can share the mapping imagine findings in the annual report (Benjamin Taylor was ask if this is possible)
 - b. Share journey in 2025 to establish the moving pieces to a full, more in-depth process for involving panel members in collaborative safety model mapping
- Onboarding process improvements
 - a. The process is a lot of information but need to break it down into more digestible information (Gapske is seeking child protection training foundations at the MN Child Welfare Training Academy for panel members)
- Concrete supports from DCYF?
- Simplify appointment process?
- Increase funding due to stipend expenses?
 - a. Stipends and expenses for members total expenses was \$2107.98
 - b. If future projects have higher expenses, we may need to request more funding.
- Retreat improvements/needs?
 - a. More breakout time and it was good to be in person.
 - b. Important and informative
- Other things to include?
 - a. Cathy will provide update on gift cards purchase potentially with pictures or graphics to add to report, if possible.

VIII. VI. Begin planning for projects in 2026

- Subcommittees:
 - Screening for children with disabilities under AAFPCWDA (I am working
 - on getting a presentation on this information)
 - Staff: Marquita
 - Panel members: Darringer (co-chair), Mary Kane (co-chair), Allie, Kimberly, Sarah, and Josefina
 - Father's Engagement and Guide for AAFPCWDA updates (I have shared
 - the updated best practice guide that does not have lived experience
 - input)
 - Staff: Dominique
 - Panel members: Dr. Bea (chair), Carmin, Janice, and Jamal

IX. Next meeting: January 12, 2026, 4:30-6:30 pm due to MLK Jr. holiday on January 19th

- a. Agenda topics: "Life cycle of the case" training, MN AAFPCWA overview, and active efforts defined and explained.

