



June 2, 2026, noon-1:30 pm

Chisago County Citizen Review Panel meeting minutes

Attendees: Jill Esch, Karen Kennedy, Laura Gapske, Deb Kerschner, Nancy Grossmann, Laurel Dreckman, and Lorraine Swenson

Guest: Kate Rickord, QPI Minnesota

- 1. Welcome and get to know you question**
- 2. Thank you and appreciation shared with Nancy for her years of service**
- 3. Recruitment**
 - **Two applications received**
 - **Unable to conduct interviews currently. This was communicated to the applicants-they were very understanding**
 - **Update on where flyers were posted or other ideas of locations**
- 4. Guest presenter, Kate Rickord from QPI Minnesota:**
 - [QPI-MN Website](#). A variety of resources through the different pages, including [Youth Designed Forms](#) and [Initial Calls Support](#).
 - [QPI National Symposium Presentation w/Dr. Katie Stone](#). She is one of our developmental advisors and evaluators for the developmentally informed transitions project we are currently working on as part of a Sauer Family Foundation Grant through May 2027.
 - **Developmentally Informed Transition Project Quick Summary:** This pilot will co-design, implement and evaluate developmentally informed transition practices in three Minnesota counties. Activities funded by Sauer will include: co-design workshops with QPI Champions (birth parents, foster families, youth, kin, and professionals); create developmentally infused training curriculum and practical transition tools (checklists, parenting time (visit) sequencing plans, scripted family conversations); coaching and real-time guidance on developing and implementing planned transitions for pilot sites; and an initial evaluation framework with baseline indicators.
 - Follow up includes asking Chisago County if they refer families to this resource or have interest in learning more about the services. MOU's with other counties are for a minimal fee of \$1,000/year.
- 5. April Child Abuse Awareness Month subcommittee report with Laurel, Lorraine, Nancy, and Karen**



- Distributing materials on child abuse that was specific to Chisago County resources. Outreach at the library, baby blanket, churches, law enforcement, food pantries, schools, and other various locations
- There were some challenges with connecting with the schools
- There were great responses from many partners that were reached
- [Zero Abuse Project Prevention Curriculum](#) exploration to see if school districts would be interested into incorporating the lessons into their schools.
- Follow up: The panel will revisit this as an agenda item in October to allow for enough time to plan for child abuse prevention awareness month next year.
- Laurel is willing to reach out to school folks to ask about prevention education at a listening session or one of the “Soup with the Sup” events.
- Follow up: Gapske will put together specific language to talk about the prevention education goals and curriculum purpose.
- Future ideas for community awareness with a proclamation with the city mayors and/or County Board for next year.
- All of the child abuse prevention materials were distributed!!!

4. Workplan review

- Review updated workplan
- ACTION ITEM: Approval to spend up to \$2k on gift cards or compensation for participants that complete the survey. Motion by Laurel Dreckman, Second by Lorraine Swenson, passed with unanimous vote.
 - Panel agreed a Visa gift card would off the most flexibility for foster parents to spend the way that meets their family needs.
 - The panel has \$3,411.03 left until June 30th. Some expenses will cover the National CRP conference expenses. The panel will purchase 30 gift cards for the amount of \$50.00.
 - Conclusion of survey will need to collect address to mail the gift card.
 - Gapske will follow up with Chris regarding how to obtain the contact information of the past and current foster parents in Chisago County.

- The panel would like to go back five years to see what the total number of homes would be. The last numbers we received were 29 active/not active but we don't know the timeframe
 - Members are asked to review the most updated version of the survey and provide feedback by June 12th.
 - Feedback at the meeting included adding options about the transition into the foster home and other questions as three options: Initially/On-going/Both; "Do you feel placement timing and the number of placements is appropriate or what you expected?"
 - Members are asked to review the Forms template test of the survey to give feedback prior to sending it out.
 - Timeframe discussed to open the survey is July 20-August 17. A reminder will be re-sent a week prior to the closing of the survey link.
 - If not all of the gift cards are used, the panel will decide how else to use the leftover cards at the annual retreat meeting.
- Test Microsoft Forms platform survey feedback
 - Review feedback from drafted survey by Deb for foster parent surveys-due 5/25
 - Information requested by members for foster care numbers and review summary of ONLY foster care data within the CFSR-need to wait for county assistance
 - How will panel members gain access to the foster care providers in Chisago County? Gapske connecting all county attorneys to state department attorneys under statute (LINK STATUE)
 - Gift card questions specifically from Chisago County will need to wait until the strike resolves-mediation on 5/22
 - What can DCYF do to support the project during the strike-foster care staff from the State?

Next meeting:

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| <p>Chisago County Citizen Review Panel meeting</p> | <p>Every First Tuesday of the Month noon-1:30 pm (No July meeting)</p> | <p>August 17, 2026</p> <p>RETREAT</p> |
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