

Hennepin County - CRP Meeting

4/20/2026 – 4:30 PM

Welcome, introductions, and Icebreaker	• Alexis Kramer shared lived experience with child protection; recently reunified with two children; late autism diagnosis and ADHD; passionate about preventing unnecessary system involvement and centering lived expertise. • Multiple panel members summarized backgrounds spanning legal, advocacy, education, and county service.
II. Presentation: Transforming Mandatory Reporting Learning Collaborative	• Hennepin County has been invited to join Casey Family Programs’ “Transforming Mandated Reporting Collaborative.” • Initial cohort began in 2024 with 13 jurisdictions; now expanded to 31 jurisdictions including Hennepin County. • Goals include: 1. Reduce disparities and disproportionality in abuse/neglect reporting. 2. Reduce unnecessary trauma to families where investigations are unwarranted. 3. Shift approaches away from default reporting when issues are not about child safety. 4. Strengthen families and communities to keep children safe without unnecessary system involvement. • One introductory meeting plus virtual sessions 2 hours each, every other month. • After Session 1 (“Changing the Narrative”), remaining session months: June, August, October, December (12:00–2:00 PM). • It’s a learning exchange, not a new project; participants bring expertise to improve existing work (technical assistance program, mandated reporter training, consultation warm line). • Child welfare staff, lived-experience experts, mandated reporters, legal/court partners, community orgs, and other stakeholders. • Consider joining the jurisdictional team or referring lived-experience experts (youth/former youth, parents, family members) interested in participating.
III. VOTE: Operating procedures finalized	• Motion to adopt the final Operating Procedures document — Approved.

IV. VOTE: Appointment of Alexis Kramer to panel	• Motion to appoint Alexis Kramer to fill one vacancy — Approved. • Motion to appoint Manfred Tatzmann to fill the second vacancy — Approved. • Next steps: Laura to process onboarding.
Updates or events • Hennepin County • DCYF, Rebecca Wilcox, Manager, Child Safety & Prevention Section • Members	CFS Engagement & Services • Family Resource Centers (FRCs): ◦ South Minneapolis FRC had a soft opening; formal grand opening invite forthcoming. ◦ Second FRC planned for Bloomington/Richfield area this summer ◦ Afton/Dominique will share grand opening details with panel. • East African Community Forum: Planning underway to discuss “What is child protection?” and support community understanding and trust. CFS Meet & Greet (Disparities Work): • Division of work on disparities hosted a CFS-wide meet & greet with frontline staff, leadership, and community organizations (e.g., Minnesota Women’s Resource Center). • 90 attendees (expected 40), including Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office; focus on better serving Native communities and reflecting intersectionality. Native Hair Teachings Event: • Division of Indian Work is hosting teachings on Native children and long hair (cultural practices and protections; hybrid format). • Ongoing alignment with ICWA and cultural/religious rights affirmed in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act active efforts emphasized. Father Engagement Initiatives: • Case review on father engagement is complete; final report pending for distribution to the panel (Dr. B). • Community highlight: Goodwill-Easter Inside Outside Parenting Program (for incarcerated fathers; partners with Father’s Project). ◦ Suggestion to invite program staff to a future panel meeting; 25-minute video available. ◦ Dr. Bea (or designate) to reach out and schedule. Family Visitation Center (Adult Correctional Facility) • New Family Visitation Center at the Hennepin County Adult Correctional Facility (Department of Community Corrections). • Presentation proposed (in person or virtual); June timeframe suggested.

	- Kal to share flyers with the panel and coordinate scheduling. Ombudsperson for American Indian Families - Report to American Indian Child Well-Being Advisory Board (April 2026): 400+ court hearings observed across 59 counties (Jan 1, 2025–Apr 14, 2026). 300 complaints received in the same period; increase noted. - Quarterly reports break out county-specific insights.	
VI. Share back workplan with all panel members and ask for feedback/input - Father’s Engagement (Dr. Officer) - Screening cases with children with disabilities (Darringer and Sarah D.)	a) Father Engagement (Justice-Involved Fathers) - Continuing planning to feature external programs - Emphasize clear, respectful information to fathers to support reunification and placement opportunities. b) Children with Disabilities & Data - Attendees joined Systems of Safety training as a refresher/new learning. - Follow-up planned on what data can be screened/collected, how to structure transparency and analysis, and implications for the work plan. - Dr. B to send the Systems of Safety document to Mary and Sarah, then share with the subcommittee.	
VII. Break out groups/ workplans updates		
VIII. Public comments		
IX. Next meeting/next steps	- Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 18 (third Monday; avoids Memorial Day on May 25). - Guest: Hennepin County Strategic Plan Team (coordinated by Cathy). - Structure may include Q&A with panel members for input on the 2027–2028 strategic plan. - Cathy/Laura to finalize agenda/format and send materials.	
May meeting will have staff from Hennepin County come to conduct strategic planning engagement with panel members to provide input.		
Attendance	Afton Delgado	
	Allie Dischinger	

	Beatric Officer	
	Benjamin Taylor	
	Kimberly Blainey	
	Camrin Hatchett	
	Cathy Spann	
	Charmaine Douglas	
	Darringer Funches	
	Dominique Brown	
	Emma Daugherty	
	Jill Esch	
	Gapske - Laura	
	jamal mohamed	
	Josefina Geronimo	
	Kimette R Almon	
	Lori Munsterman	
	Marquita D Ryan	
	Mary Kane	
	Sarah Driever	
	Kal Ajmi	