

# NYC Citizen Review Panel for Child Protective Services

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**Meeting Summary**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 ○ 10:00 AM**

## **Attendees:**

### NYC Panel Members

Stanley Capela  
David Lansner  
Jocelyn Brown  
Marion White  
Mathea Rubin  
Jorge Saenz De Viteri

### Welfare Research, Inc.

Liz Roberts  
Felicia LaClair  
Darlene Ward

### Guests

David Haase – OCFS  
David Bach – OCFS

## **Handouts**

Social Media Handout – CRP  
Schuyler Center’s Last Look at the NYS 2022-23 Budget  
ACS Flash report, April 2022

## **Welcome – Stanley Capela, Chair**

Mr. Capela opened the meeting at 10:05 AM.

## **Updates from OCFS**

OCFS stated the suggested disparities in kinship foster care removals is under review and OCFS will update the Panels when the data comes in. Regarding the Panels’ request for a formal response to the American Bar Association’s (ABA) report covering the impact of body scans, the Commissioner plans on addressing this during the June Joint Panels meeting. OCFS next discussed fiscal reports from the 2018-2019 year and the breakdown of federal, state, local, and administrative charges. OCFS also touched on federal adoption assistance in fiscal years of 2017-2018. Finally, OCFS shared that a review of the pandemic’s impact showed a decrease of SCR reports and a decrease of fatalities.

## **CRP Discussion**

The Panel debriefed on their discussion with OCFS. WRI then shared survey results from a member survey, which highlighted editing and tracking difficulty during the Annual Report drafting process and virtual meetings inhibiting communication and discussions. The Panel next voted on social media questions, with a consensus of support for the creation of a LinkedIn page. Panel members supported social media to raise awareness of CRP and promote panel vacancies. Members voiced they would like the social media site to be a place for information sharing among members and the public.

The Panel then moved to chair elections. With some members not being present they moved to postpone the vote and cast a poll via email for chair nominees and final voting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:30 AM

**Next CRP Meetings:**

- Joint Panel June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- NYC September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom