

# Joint Citizen Review Panels for Child Protective Services

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## Planning Meeting Summary January 28, 2020 • 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Attendees:

#### Eastern Panel Members

Mary McCarthy  
Kathy Halas  
Carrie Smith  
Eunju Lee

#### NYC Panel Members

Stanley Capela  
Marion White

#### Western Panel Members

Sarlyn Tate  
Todd Sage

#### Welfare Research, Inc.

Jennifer Goldman  
Ariela Perez-Wallach

### Handouts

Planning Call Agenda  
NYS Citizen Review Panels 2020 Meeting Calendar  
2019 NYS CRP Annual Report  
3 for 5 Response to Executive Budget  
3 for 5 Campaign One Pager

**Welcome** – *Jennifer Goldman, WRI*

### **Update on Annual Report Distribution** – *Ariela Perez-Wallach, WRI*

- Ms. Perez-Wallach reported that the NYS CRP 2019 Annual Report had been mailed to all CRP Members, the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of OCFS and ACS, and OCFS regional offices. Hard copies were also hand delivered to all members of the NYS Legislature. WRI shared an electronic version with all of the participants from the October 2019 Roundtable, accredited schools of social work, voluntary agencies, local departments of social services Commissioners and Directors of Service, and Child Welfare Coalition partners. The report is currently posted on the NYS CRP website and CRP social media pages. The National CRP network received an electronic copy as well.

### **Review and Discussion of Executive Budget Proposal** – *Jennifer Goldman, WRI*

- Ms. Goldman provided an update on the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal, and shared that the proposed investment in the workforce is not what the child welfare field had hoped. WRI anticipates further analysis of the Executive Budget Proposal from CRP stakeholders and will share with Panel Members as they are received.

- The 3 for 5 Campaign, a coalition of human service workforce organizations proposing a 3% increase on state contracts for each of the next five years, issued a response to the budget Panel members agreed to sign on to the campaign as a supporting organization, as the Panels promote the campaign ask in the 2019 Annual Report.

### **Priorities for 2020**

- Along with signing onto the budget response from the 3 for 5 Campaign, the Panels agreed to continue to support child welfare stakeholder organizations and coalitions proposing increased investments and improvements in the child welfare and human service workforce.
- The Panel Members discussed scheduling meetings with a small, but specifically chosen group of state legislators to reinforce the message related to workforce in the Annual Report.
- The Panel Members continue to identify recruitment of new panel members with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.
- The need to increase the public of awareness of the Citizen Review Panels was discussed and identified as a priority for 2020.

### **Debrief and Next Steps**

- Panel Members identified potential meeting guests and topics for the upcoming March meetings including the reauthorization of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and the Office of Children and Family Services continued efforts to improve the child welfare workforce.
- Next Meetings (all in-person)
  - NYC – Tuesday, March 3, 2020, ACS
  - Eastern – Thursday, March 5, 2020, OCFS Home Office
  - Western – Friday, March 13, 2020, United Way of Buffalo & Erie County