

**Minutes for April 23, 2025, 10:00am
Western Regional Panel**

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Agenda Item	Discussion (Decisions, Future Action, Highlights)	Decisions and Next Steps
Attendees	• Todd Sage - co-chair • John Treahy - co-chair • Linda Brown • Ellen Kennedy • Tamaé Memole, Managing Director • Elizabeth Stephenson, Facilitation Coordinator	
Welcome		
Introductions	• Brief introduction of PCA-NY staff/roles and panel members	
Commissioner meeting update	• PCANY asked to hold off on meeting with the commissioner until relationships were established between CRP and PCANY • PCANY is aiming for a joint panel meeting for May or June, and would like to submit questions for commissioner prior to meeting	• PCANY will communicate with CRP co-chairs to collect dates and formalize questions

Nominations	• Robyn Krouger, from Niagara falls and Burt Marshall from Niagara County - reached out to his senators (both at least two years ago) • It was an ask of OCFS to support Executive nominations as well as resignations	
Meeting Calendar	• May/June – Joint (*dependent upon schedule of OCFS Commissioner) • October - Joint in preparation for the annual report • 3 regional panel meetings (April, July and September)	• PCA-NY will follow up with Commissioner Madden-Harris' scheduler and notify all panel chairs of potential meeting dates; • Panel chairs will notify PCA-NY of conflicts in July and September; PCA-NY will then offer future meeting date options
Policy Priorities	• Identifying top priorities for focus. • Suggestion to meet as joint panels quarterly. • Move forward with advocacy on anonymous reporting (S.550 Brisport/A.66 Hevesi)	

Voting Process	Majority of CRP members voted in support of the Solutions Not Suspensions NY Org Sign On Letter.	Panel members agreed to a process for sign-on letters: PCA-NY will track members votes; communicate outcome to all members and communicate with the organization lead for that letter
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Raised Suggestions and Concerns	Unresolved case review: - CRP requested to review cases of child fatalities/high priority cases, historically Panels were allowed to review cases under previous administration in context of federal law Length of meetings: - Past meetings used to be 2 hours Confidentiality agreements - Have all CRP sign confidentiality agreements and propose to OCFS having meetings with Panel members who have signed the agreements HEARS line concerns - how are families being referred to services?; could OCFS partner with researchers to collect effectiveness data? CRP would like to serve as subject matter experts on OCFS workgroups.	- PCANY will follow up with OCFS on the review of child fatalities and high priority cases; PCA-NY will also confirm all members have signed the required Confidentiality Agreement - PCANY will allocate 1.5-2 hours for future meetings - PCANY will check confidentiality agreements early next week (week of 4/28/25) - Propose to OCFS to hold meetings with panel members who have signed the agreements - PCA-NY will communicate this to OCFS - PCA-NY will communicate this to OCFS
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	• CFSR results and PIP (performance improvement plan for state or county) - joint panel meeting needed • Follow up is needed on panel review of a case from one of the western region counties. Panel began this work over a year ago	• PCA-NY will check with OCFS staff re: obtaining the CFSR results as soon as they are finalized (before the results are posted on the website) • The panel will look into review of case in more detail
Next Meeting	TBA	