

**CRP Serving Outagamie County**  
**Jan. 9, 2019**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Mary KLeMan, Andrea Alpert Buss, Lacey Coonen, Rebecca Spulak, Jennifer Sailor, Wendy Gehl, Melissa Ludin, Lisa Hunt, Pastor Larry Creamer, Connie Raether, Karen Dickrell, Michelle Swenson

**New member introduction:** Welcome to Melissa Ludin from ESTHER and EXPO (Ex-incarcerated People Organizing)

**Approval of minutes;** Andrea moves, Rebecca seconds, approval. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's report (Lisa):** Will be sent out via email. No major expenditures except the books for the UW Extension.

**National Conference June 6-8, 2019:** Anyone interested in presenting/attending? Conference will be held in Albuquerque. **Strong and Thriving Families** is the theme. Consider possibilities for presenting. Melissa expressed an interest in attending and possibly presenting. Funds are provided for people who would like to attend, usually 2 or 3. If anyone would like to attend, let Connie or Pastor Larry know.

**New Recorder:** If anyone is interested, this position is open. If you'd like to learn more about this position, please contact Connie at [connieraether@gmail.com](mailto:connieraether@gmail.com)

**Facebook and Website:** Need to find someone to handle the facebook page and the website. **Melissa:** are any of the social work interns interested in working on either of these? If not, could we look at asking for some new panel members who would have that skill set? Consider looking into Leadership Fox Cities. **Pastor Larry:** who is the administrator. Do we need to do another training?

**New members:** Melissa and Karen will look into finding new folks from the community to be part of the panel. Would like someone from Parent Connection as Wendy Schwalbe has left the agency.

**Period of Purple Crying (Andrea):** Mary and Andrea will be meeting with the E.D. of Partnership Health Center. Emily and Sara called pediatric centers to see whether new parents call in re: crying babies and what supports are offered and they are waiting to hear back from the people with whom they left messages. Andrea reached out to Birth to Three and hasn't heard back. CCR does some training on infant crying but not Period of Purple. There are options regarding other types of training that the group is researching.

**Social Work Support Task Group:** Andrea and Wendy are part of the Retention and Resiliency (R and R) group. Working on implementing the Real Colors training that all the workers went through. 3 openings in the group for either workers or supervisors. Pastor Larry is on the Sponsorship Team which takes the suggestions from the R and R group and determines which ones can be implemented.

**GAL Task Team (Andrea);** They met in November. Will be some changes happening with the GALs: A new GAL will be appointed soon so they will wait about 6 months to send out the surveys until the new GAL is onboard and trained. They will be updating the brochure: Needs to be done by June so we can get them printed this budget year.

**Child Death Review Team (Pastor Larry):** No new deaths so team will not meet.

**Case Review—need case for February (Rebecca):** Rebecca has a case and will invite any interested parties to attend.

**NOAHH Update (Pastor Larry):** Pastor Larry would like to meet with the county staff who work with NOAHH to see if we can recruit some new partners.

**Community Connections Program (CCP):** Will ask someone from CCP to present at our March meeting.

**Other Business: brainstorming about incarceration**

**Outreach: Any other ideas we can come up for outreach?**

**Hands Around the Courthouse:** Need to look at possibilities as the courthouse is now way too large to actually surround it and it is too difficult to go inside now due to the restrictions involved in entering. Is there another way to focus attention on child abuse prevention month? Pinwheels, statewide wear blue day April 5 are some options. Mary, Lisa and Jennifer will work on putting something together. Spectrum has started a “channel 1” and is looking for things to advertise.

**Any new initiatives for spending our money?** Possibly Period of Purple Crying. Copying GAL brochures and a death review training, continuing to fund Blue Spiral. Propose \$2400 for Blue Spiral. Andrea moves supporting funding Blue Spiral at the amount of \$2400, Wendy seconds. Motion carries. Karen moves spending up to \$200 for scholarships to the Joy Conference foster parents/grandparents if anyone would like to go but has difficulty with the cost. Wendy seconds. Motion carries.

**Crisis state of out of home care (Melissa):** No report.

**Planning for 2019:** Any new initiatives to consider?

**Book suggestion: All Alone in the World,** by Nell Bernstein

**Next meeting: Case Review Feb. 6, Regular meeting March 6, 2019**

**Future meeting dates: May 1, July 10, Sept. 4, Nov. 6 (note changes in July due to holidays)**

**Case Reviews: Feb. 6, Oct. 2**