

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



Office of the Director

June 18, 2021

Shana Bartley, Interim Citizen RP Chair
Citizens Review Panel
c/o Center for Child Protection
714 G Street SE. #3
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Bartley,

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) received *The Citizen Review Panel's Annual Report May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021*. CFSA appreciates the Citizen Review Panel's (CRP) commitment to the children and families of the District of Columbia and the Panel's work to support improvement in outcomes and services, particularly this year under the restrictions presented by the pandemic, and the ongoing membership challenges.

We also want to acknowledge and thank Joyce Thomas for her passion, consistency, and steadfast dedication as the role of the independent CRP Facilitator since 2012. CFSA will utilize her lessons learned as we move forward with soliciting a new facilitator in FY 2022.

We look forward to receipt of the two working group reports when completed; the reports from the recently formed Positive Toxicology Screen of Newborns and of the Older Youth Working group established in 2012.

As you know, I am retiring as CFSA's Director on June 18th when Acting Director Robert L. Matthews will take the helm. I have enjoyed attending the CRP meetings to provide CFSA updates and address any questions or concerns of the CRP.

Incoming, Acting Director Robert L. Matthews, will provide the continuity of strong leadership for CFSA and looks forward to working with the CRP.

If you have any questions, please contact Roni Seabrook, Planning Specialist in the Office of Planning, Policy and Program support at Roni.Seabrook@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Brenda Donald, Director
DC Child and Family Services Agency