

CERAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2021

Present: Joan Pernecke, Janet Ahern, Diane Moncher, Tami Fuller, Diane Scruggs

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Diane Scruggs, at 1:06 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were review by the Committee. Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Chair requested a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Joan motioned to have the minutes accepted as presented. Diane Moncher seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Tami Fuller shared that she had received an email from Maria stating she had an emergency involving a staff person and at best would be late for the meeting if able to attend at all.

Chair asked Dr. Fuller to walk the committee through the proposed research project. Dr. Fuller walked the group through the project section by section:

Introduction: This section remains relatively the same, giving background for persons less familiar with CERAP.

Evaluating the reliability and validity of the CERAP: This section formed the basis for the research project. Looks at what factors workers take into consideration when determining safety. This had never been looked at before.

Method: The focus was on investigations only.

Data source and sample selection: The sample size was more than 500,000, over six years

Joan commented that this was a huge sample size. Tami noted that because of the very robust sample size, all of the findings were statistically significant.

Variable Definitions: List of variables and their definitions. Tami highlighted a few of these:

- *Number of children in the household at the time of the investigation*
- *Age of youngest alleged victim in the household*
- *Number of prior investigations of the family*
- *Number of prior indicated investigations of the family*
- *Maltreatment reporter*
- *Domestic violence screen*
- *Adult substance abuse screen*
- *# of CERAP safety threats checked "yes"*

- *Number of days to initial safety assessment*

Results/Trend in Unsafe Safety Decisions: Attempt to see which variables are most related to safety decisions.

Safety Characteristics: Safety threats 5,6,7,8,9 rarely checked.

Logistic regression analysis results: Listed in order of importance.

Interaction of safety threats and family strengths on safety decision: Refers to mitigation. Possibly the most interesting finding that may have significant importance.

Janet recommended that the project findings be shared with Chapin Hall. Chair asked for a motion to accept the project. Diane M. made a motion to accept this as the Committee project. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Committee requested that Dr. Fuller reach out to Tierney/Maria to get information on the if, why and what for changing the CERAP tool and again request the report from Chapin Hall to be shared with the entire Committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Diane M, seconded by Joan. Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.