

# CFCRB

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March 8, 2012  
Issue 99

## The Honorable Elizabeth V. Krier

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2012

5:30—7:00 pm



### Meet Collier's Dependency Judge

#### Judge Krier will speak about:

- A 'Typical Day' in Dependency Court
  - Her Greatest Challenges
  - How the Panel assists the Court
- The Role of Children at Judicial Proceedings
- The Role of the Court in Protecting Rights
- How Cultural or Language Barriers Impact Administration of Justice
- The Role of Mediation in Dependency Court
- Concerns Unique to Dependency in SW Florida
  - Safety Criteria

Facilitated by: Suzanne Meiners-Levy



**Presented by: The CFCRB**  
(Citizen's Foster Care Review Board, Inc.)

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**IMPORTANT!****Please  
Attend**

Citizen's Foster Care Review Board, Inc.  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
Agenda  
April 19, 2012 – 5:30

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Insure Quorum</b>															
<b>Reading or Waive Reading of Minutes</b>	From 4/21/11 General Membership Meeting															
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<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Role</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Problem Solving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Administrative</li> <li>◇ Judiciary</li> <li>◇ Issues related to CFCRB</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Representatives from CFCRB and Community at Large</li> <li>● Financial</li> <li>● 3 year Terms (renewable)</li> </ul>															
<b>Introduction of Current Steering Committee Members</b>	David Goldstein (chair) Suzanne Meiners-Levy (secretary) Bob Bogle Lori Cohen Jan Eustis Elli Taylor Irving Waldman															
<b>Steering Committee</b>	<b>Role and Recent Accomplishments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carry out specific tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Coordinate In-Services</li> <li>◇ Addresses issues with Panels</li> <li>◇ Recruits and Trains New Panel Members</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Public Speaking as needed</li> <li>● Train new chairpersons</li> <li>● Rotate off after 3 years</li> </ul>															
<b>Introduction of New Members in 2011/2012</b>	2011: Steve Brazina/Colette Hall/Mary Kniaz/Marve Weisberg/Carmen Wise 2012: Trainees: Olga Marsh/Gordon Spindler/Harold Weeks															
<b>Board Meeting Dates Since Last General Membership Meeting</b>	7/21/11~ 10/20/11~1/19/12~4/19/12															
<b>Slate of Candidates</b>	See attached Ballot															
<b>Financial Statement</b>	<b>As of 12/31/11—Distributed at Meeting</b>															
<b>Next General Membership Meeting</b>	Anticipated 4/18/13															

## PROXY

In my absence, I \_\_\_\_\_ appoint Judy Groos, Executive Director of the Corporation,  
(print name) or

\_\_\_\_\_ with the power of substitution to act for me as my proxy at the Annual Meeting  
(print name of other substitute)

of the Citizen's Foster Care Review Board to be held on April 19, 2012. He/she will have full authority to act for me, on my behalf, in the transaction of such business that might come before the meeting, with all the powers that I would possess if I were personally present.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**Please return on or before April 12, 2012, ONLY IF UNABLE TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TO: CFCRB ~ 3315 E. Tamiami Trail, Suite 508 ~ Naples FL 34112**

## Contributions to the CFCRB

### (a message from the Steering Committee)

We want to thank you for your generous contributions over the past years. The countless hours you devote to the CFCRB, along with your financial support help us continue to be a viable asset to the Dependency System. Contributions to CFCRB are a wonderful way to show your appreciation of family and friends, to celebrate happy occasions or to honor the memory of departed loved ones. An acknowledgement of your donation of \$10 or more will be sent to the family or person you wish to honor.



Contributions to the CFCRB are used to provide funds for the toys we give children who come to court and to provide training and supplies which are not funded through the County.

CFCRB is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, so any donations you make to CFCRB may qualify as tax-deductible, charitable contributions on your Federal Income Tax forms.

The check for your donation should be made payable to CFCRB and sent to:

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Attn: Judy Groos  
3315 East Tamiami Trail  
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Naples FL 34112

Again, THANK YOU!

# Welcome



Please join me in welcoming our newest trainees. They began their training on February 14th and will serve on panels over the summer to gain experience as trainees. Training is scheduled to be completed on September 11, 2012

**Olga Marsh**  
**Gordon Spindler**  
**Harold Weeks**

## Safety Criteria.....Update

Thank you ALL for making adjustments to your schedules to attend the mandatory training to educate us on the new Safety Criteria Module recently adopted by the 20th Judicial Circuit. I'm happy to say that as of Monday, March 12th, all of our volunteers will have received training on this new module.

As of late February, the Supervisors are supposed to be meeting regularly with the Case Managers to review the criteria for each case to answer the question "Why can't the child go home today?" **Start** to look for this information in the JR reports under:

**Significant Changes since the last judicial review** and also in the section addressing **Barriers**.

By April 1st, DCF/Children's Legal Services should be meeting with case managers to inquire about sufficiency of information to answer questions to the Formula to determine if the child is safe and/or if safety concerns have been eliminated and the child can now go home.

GALs are scheduled to be trained on the Safety Module by May 1st, with implementation into the GAL reports by July 1st.

The Court will continue to monitor and discuss progress at regularly scheduled brown bag meetings. As we mentioned during training, expect to see changes gradually, rather than sweeping.



## Upcoming Schedule

### March 14

#### AM

Fran Kieselhorst  
Suzanne Meiners-Levy  
Joe Jaffe  
Paul Wachsmith  
Steve Brazina  
Monitor: Gordon Spindler (Trainee)

#### PM

Willie West  
Kay Jasso  
Mary Kniaz  
Ed Bransilver  
Sub  
Monitor: Ann Campbell

### March 28

#### AM

Jan Eustis  
Elli Taylor  
Harold Weeks (trainee)  
Liz Hayes  
Joe Jaffe  
Monitor: Need Sub

#### PM

Bob Bogle  
David Goldstein  
Olga Marsh (trainee)  
Sally Salzer  
Mike Dias  
Monitor: Jane Ellsworth

### April 11

#### AM

Irving Waldman  
Elli Taylor  
Joe Jaffe  
Jim Schoenwetter  
Olga Marsh (trainee)  
Monitor: Colette Hall

#### PM

Willie West  
Rob Nossen  
Lori Cohen  
Carmen Wise  
Gordon Spindler (trainee)  
Monitor: Marv Weisberg

### April 25

#### AM

Fran Kieselhorst  
Suzanne Meiners-Levy  
Joe Jaffe  
Ken Shevin  
Steve Brazina  
Monitor: Terry Abraham-Whalley

#### PM

Bob Bogle  
Willie West  
Kay Jasso  
Ann Campbell  
Ed Bransilver  
Monitor: Mary Kniaz

### May 9

#### AM

Jan Eustis  
Elli Taylor  
Mary Kniaz  
Liz Hayes  
Carmen Wise  
Monitor: Joe Jaffe

#### PM

Need Co-Chair Sub  
David Goldstein  
Ed Bransilver  
Jane Ellsworth  
Sally Salzer  
Monitor: Mike Dias

### May 23

#### AM

Fran Kieselhorst  
Irving Waldman  
Colette Hall  
Jim Schoenwetter  
Paul Wachsmith  
Monitor: Elli Taylor

#### PM

Willie West  
Rob Nossen  
Lori Cohen  
Marv Weisberg  
Mike Dias  
Monitor: Sue Nordbeck?

### Role of Monitor Reminder

For those of you who have been a volunteer for awhile, you will remember when the Monitor was a silent participant. Then, in 2006 the steering committee adopted the following policy:

*Include/accept the monitor's input during the deliberation process, but the monitor will still not have voting rights.*

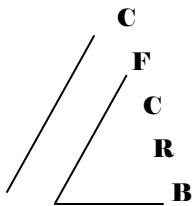
Please remember that the Monitor is invited and encouraged to participate in the deliberation process, but **NOT** in the Judicial Review itself. Believe me, I know it is very hard to sit and not ask questions. I've noticed a few monitors who have asked questions from their monitor seat. This can be distracting to the proceeding. You need to trust that the 5 members on the panel will ask all necessary questions and you must remain a silent participant until deliberation.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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### **In-Service Requirement**

Remember you must attend a minimum of 4 In-Service trainings per calendar year to maintain your status as a panel member.

Upcoming In-Service Dates:

March 15, 2012

April 19, 2012

May 17, 2012

### **Judge Krier's Docket**

For those of you who would like to observe Judge Krier's Judicial Reviews, I encourage you to come and observe her dependency docket. Please call me to confirm dates/times. Let me know if you observe so I can give you an in-service credit. Thanks, Judy

Courtroom 2-B (9:30—?)

Tuesday, April 3

Tuesday, May 1

Tuesday, June 26