



FCRB Program Status Report State Board Meeting – September 2021

1. Dashboard and Other Data

a. Number of Reviews Conducted

	Number of Youth Reviewed *	Number of Review Slots
FY 2018	2,055	1,364
FY 2019	1,876	1,243
FY 2020	1,867	1,289
FY 2021	1,566	1,093

(*) Not a unique number of children as some children have more than one review in a year.

b. IP Participation at Reviews

The Dashboard tracks on overall participation by Interested Parties at the reviews held in a given month. Quarterly reports are generated and provided to DHS SWAs and SAMs and available for ICAB staff.

	DHS			All Other Interested Parties		
	Attendance	Written or Recorded	Total	Attendance	Written or Recorded	Total
FY 2021	58%	38%	96%	22%	12%	34%

2. LFCRB Rationale Statements

Rationale statements are prepared by local program coordinators for new and reappointed local board members. For the current fiscal year to date, the State Board has reviewed and approved:



- New local board members – 3
- Reappointments – 1

September 2021 will have at least 4 new board members to approve.

3. FY22 Program Priorities

a) Development of a new FCRB database.

- ICAB received a state appropriation of \$350,000 for the FY2022 budget for the sole purpose of upgrading/developing the FCRB data system.
- The current databases used for the FCRB program are running in a 2003 Microsoft Access database.
- Simbric and Hoefer had initial meetings with MTX (state approved vendor) and Five Points (current vendor for CAMS); waiting on quotes.

b) Proposed Chapter 237 changes.

- The proposed changes to Iowa Code, Chapter 237 as it pertains to the Child Advocacy Board, CASA and FCRB were submitted to DIA for review on 8/18/2021 and finalized on 8/30/2021.
- Updates will continue to be provided as more information becomes available.

c) Paperless Case Files for Local Boards.

- All local boards will utilize a paperless case file system no later than 11/30/2021.
- This transition yields cost savings for the agency, frees up staff time to allocate to other program duties, and provides a more secure method for sharing confidential case information with volunteers around the state.

d) Monitor Polk FCRB Pilot.

- The Polk board is underway as of 7/22/2021. Two meetings have occurred.
- The number of youth to be reviewed is considerably less than anticipated so the board is starting out as a “half-day” board reviewing 3 to 4 cases a month.
- One applicant was screened out after sharing the names of members with DHS at the first meeting in July.
- DHS would like to see more diversity on the board as they have noted a disproportionality issue for children in care in Polk County.

e) Citizen Review Panel (CRP).

- The Bremer Cluster local board served as one of Iowa’s three citizen review panels until May 2021. The local board alone did not meet the requirements of a CRP.
- ICAB is currently in the process of developing a new panel to meet a federal CAPTA requirement which will consist of CASA and FCRB volunteers from throughout the state.
- The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires each State to create citizen review panels (CRPs) to meet quarterly and report annually on efforts to ensure that the State is following child protection requirements. CRPs vary in design and function.

- An introductory meeting was held on 9/9/2021 to review bylaws and learn more about the role of a citizen review panel.