



Overview

Wright County Health & Human Services, in accordance with Minnesota Statute 260C.203, requires an objective neutral party attend Administrative Reviews to both monitor the Agency's service delivery for children and families, as well as share any ideas or concerns with the family and youth in relation to the child's placement. Objective Observers must pass a record check as outlined below and must be knowledgeable in child permanency laws. The stipend rate set annually by the Wright County Board of Commissioners will set the stipend and mileage rate for the Objective Observers.

Procedure

A. Records Check

1. Wright County Health & Human Services employees will run records checks utilizing the following systems with email consent of the Objective Observer applicant
 - a. Social Services Information System (SSIS) / County Social Service Agencies
 - b. MN Courts Information System (MNCIS)
 - c. Local Law Enforcement Records
 - d. The email consent and records check information will be retained for the duration of the Objective Observer's service to WCHHS

B. Criminal Records / Maltreatment Findings

- a. Record checks indicating felony level charges of violent crimes, crimes involving theft or drug use, or social services maltreatment findings, will be grounds for denying an Objective Observer
- b. Record checks indicating misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor charges of violent crimes or crimes involving theft or drug use within the last 5 or more years, may be grounds for denying an Objective Observer

Legal Authority

N/A

Links and Appendices

N/A