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Social Services Division  
Child Welfare Services Branch  
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June 5, 2019

Ms. Jacqueline Perry  
Nā Kupa Alo Ana O Hawai'i, Citizen Review Panel  
310 Ka'ahumanu Avenue  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

Dear Ms. Perry:

Thank you for the Nā Kupa Alo Ana O Hawai'i Citizen Review Panel's (CRP) 2018 Annual Report, which included the CRP's recommendations to Child Welfare Services (CWS). We truly appreciate the CRP's efforts and work on behalf of Hawaii's children and families.

The CRP's overall goal for 2018 is to assist Child Welfare with Sexual Exploitation and sex trafficking of children and infant drug exposure.

Please find below, the four recommendations identified by CRP members and the Branch's response.

The CRP's first recommendation is to ensure that information is made available with regard to reporting sex trafficking. The CRP created flyers with tear off call numbers, victim cards, and information cards. These were made available as resources to educate Hawaii's communities and social services providers.

The CRP's second recommendation is to provide effective trainings to caseworkers, Supervisors, and Section Administrators, with assessing and addressing the harm of sex exploitation and sex trafficking of children.

The CRP's third recommendation is to ensure caseworkers have access to the videos that CRP sponsored. These videos bring awareness to youth, parents, and the community of the problems associated with exposing infants to substance abuse.

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The CRP's fourth and final recommendation is to provide effective trainings to caseworkers, Supervisors, and Section Administrators, in assessing and addressing the harm of drug exposed infants.

CWS will continue to collaborate with the CRP on topics of interest for our keiki involved in the Child Welfare System. We recognize the value of the CRP and their continued dialogue with the community at large.

Thank you again for your 2018 Annual Report. We appreciate the commitment and work accomplished by Nā Kupa Alo Ana O Hawai'i and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elladine Olevao" with a circular flourish at the end.

Elladine Olevao, Administrator