



## Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana Committee/Task Force Minutes

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	Child Services Oversight Committee		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	07/18/2018	<b>Time:</b>	1:30 pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Victoria Szczechowski	<b>Location:</b>	Indiana Statehouse, Room 404
<b>1. Meeting Objective(s)</b>			
Review the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group Assessment of the Department of Child Services, which was released on June 18, 2018, and receive an update from the Department on the implementation of the assessment's recommendations.			
<b>2. Standing Members</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>In Attendance (X indicates present)</b>	
Rep. Wendy McNamara (Chair)	Indiana General Assembly	X	
Jolene Bracale	Department of Education	X	
Leslie Dunn	Indiana CASA/GAL		
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Monroe County Circuit Court	X	
Bernice Corley	Indiana Public Defender Council	X	
Rep. Melanie Wright	Indiana General Assembly	X	
Sean McCrindle	Bashor Children's Home		
Sen. Mark Messmer	Indiana General Assembly	X	
Sen. Frank Mrvan	Indiana General Assembly	X	
Jim Oliver	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X	
<b>3. Staff/Guests</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>		
Terry Stigdon	DCS, Director		
Todd Meyer	DCS, Associate Director		
Will Young	DCS, Legislative Liaison		
Mike Deranek	Bashor Children's Home		
Matt Hagenbush	Indiana Office of Court Services		
Victoria Szczechowski	Legislative Assitant to Rep. Wendy McNamara		
<b>4. Updates/Old Business</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main Points</b>	<b>Recommendations/Decisions</b>	
<b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting</b>	N/A	Minutes unanimously approved	



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### 5. New Business/Presentations

Topic	Main Points	Recommendations/Decisions
Agency Presentation of the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group Assessment	Director Terry Stigdon went through the system strengths and challenges listed in the report.	Collaborative efforts to implement the report's numerous recommendations is crucial, as is Committee oversight of DCS progress in this regard.
Agency Progress Report on Implementation of CWG Assessment Recommendations	Associate Director Todd Meyer's primary responsibility is the implementation of CWG's recommendations. Thus far, DCS has prioritized salary adjustments for staff, foster parent support, developing legislative proposals for 2019, and decentralizing decision making.	The Child Services Oversight Committee will be the primary body overseeing implementation of the Assessment's recommendations.
Legislative Update	DCS Legislative Liaison, Will Young, listed several key pieces of legislation enacted during the 2018 session, including SEAs 128, 135, 184, 233, and 428; and HEAs 1091, 1314, and 1406.	DCS is developing legislative recommendations for next session. Particular areas of focus currently include redefining "neglect" and "custodian," increasing the age for services for foster youth from 21 to 23, and reevaluating caseload standards for FCMs.

### 6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)

Action	Responsibility	Due Date

### 7. Adjournment

Action	Time
Rep. McNamara adjourned the meeting.	11:45am

### 8. Next Meeting

<b>Date:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	10/24/18	<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm	<b>Location:</b>	IGCS, Conference Room 29
<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>	Receive an Agency update on the progress of the implementation of CWG Assessment recommendations.				