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CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORK GROUP AGENDA - **UPDATED**

November 17, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

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- The agenda may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
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8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Chair – Sen. Dennis Lenz

8:35 a.m. **1. Introductions**

- Work group members
- Staff

8:45 a.m. **2. Committee Rules and Procedures**
Milly Allen

- Presentation
- Public comment on committee rules and procedures
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group adopts rules

9:00 a.m. **3. SB 352 Review**
Chair Lenz and Ms. Allen

- Presentation
- Public comment on SB 352
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

9:30 a.m. **4. Work Plan Introduction**
Ms. Allen

- Presentation
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **5. Child Protective Issues Updates**
Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS

- Presentation

- Public comment on CPS issue updates mentioned in this presentation (an open public comment is later in the agenda)
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

11:15 a.m. **6. Public Comment** on any matter within the scope of the review group that was not on the agenda

11:45 p.m. **7. Work Session**

- a) Identify topics for the work plan
- b) Prioritize work plan topics
- c) Request future agenda items
- d) Other discussion

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

WORK GROUP MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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