



Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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AGENDA – CPS Work Group

January 19, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

PLEASE NOTE:

- All times are approximate; some agenda items may take more or less time than allotted.
- 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. Child and Family Services Division State Advisory Council**

Nikki Grossberg – Child and Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS

- Overview of council mission, duties, and membership
- Public comment on state advisory council
- Work group questions and discussion
- Group action, if any

9:00 a.m. **2. Child and Family Services Division Updates and Information**

Nikki Grossberg – Child and Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS

- Updates and answers to prior group questions
- Public comment on CFS updates and information
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

10:00 a.m. **3. Abuse and Neglect Report Investigation: the Step-by-Step Process**

Nikki Grossberg – Child and Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS

- Presentation
- Public comment on abuse and neglect investigations
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

10:45 a.m. **Public Comment** on any matter within the scope of the work group.

11:05 a.m. **4A. Offsite Educational Experience: Lived Experience Panel**

A panel of youth, birth parents, foster parents, and guardians who have been involved with child removal/reunification, foster care, and other issues related to child protective services. The panel is hosted by the CFSD State Advisory Council.

*To protect the privacy interests of the panelists, **this panel is closed** except to the council, the work group, and staff.* The work group will discuss the panel and take public comment when it reconvenes at 1:30 p.m.

12:30 **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Reconvene – Roll Call**
Chair Lenz

1:35 p.m. **4B. Lived Experience Panel Discussion, Comment, and Action**

- Public comment on foster care, child removals, and other issues related to child protective services
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **7. Work Session**

- Finalize work plan
- Direction to staff & agenda item requests
- Other discussion

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

WORK GROUP MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Download meeting and administrative materials and view a list of work group members on the work group website: <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cfhhs/cfhhs-sb352/>

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