

CWITF Meeting Agenda (In Person)
October 18, 2024
Location: MPHI ILC

- **Welcome**-Director Demetrius Starling
- **Introduction of New Taskforce Chair**-Director Demetrius Starling
- **Updates from Department**-Director Demetrius Starling
 - Questions from taskforce
- **Introduce Congregate Care Workgroup Co-Chairs**-Judge Karen Braxton
- **Congregate Care Workgroup Co-Chair Presentation:**
 - **Review of Charge Statement**-Patricia Neitman
 - **Who is a part of the Congregate Care Workgroup?** -Sandra Lindsey
 - **Review of Supporting Actions**-Patricia Neitman
 - **Recommendations to address Congregate Care placement:** Patricia Neitman
 - **Report out from Work Group:** Sandra Lindsey and Patricia Neitman
- **Michigan Congregate Care Placements by Race & Ethnicity:** Dr. Paul Elam
 - While 16% of Children in Michigan are Black, children who are Black make up 29% of the state's foster care population
 - While 31% of children in Michigan are children of color, they make up 51% of the foster care population
 - Children of color are more likely to be placed in institutional settings, stay there for long period of time, and age out of foster care system without a family
- **Closing Remarks:** Judge Karen Braxton