



**Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force
Implementation Workgroup Update Meeting
Friday, January 20, 11:00AM-1:00PM**

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Invited/Attended

Taskforce Members

Staff/Guests

<u>Hon. Gregory Pittman, Co-Chair</u>	<u>Kristine Andrews</u>
<u>Michael E. Williams, Co-Chair</u>	<u>Carey Adrianse</u>
<u>Judge Stuart Black</u>	<u>Ashlee Barnes-Lee</u>
<u>Lara Bouse</u>	<u>Alison Benoit</u>
<u>Senator Marshall Bullock</u>	<u>Alexandra Citrin</u>
<u>Justice Elizabeth T. Clement</u>	<u>Mary Brinkman</u>
<u>Cameron Fraser</u>	<u>Anne Farrell</u>
<u>Lenier Holston</u>	<u>Paul Elam</u>
<u>Sandra Lindsey</u>	<u>Ali Jawetz</u>
<u>Representative Luke Meerman</u>	<u>Victoria Key-Walker</u>
<u>Kayla Morgan</u>	<u>Zoe Lyons</u>
<u>Debra Pinals</u>	<u>Shayne Machen</u>
<u>Patricia Neitman</u>	<u>Mary Lou Mahoney</u>
<u>Lillie Pinder</u>	<u>Lisa Mishraky-Javier</u>
<u>Leticia Pittman</u>	<u>Kim Reese</u>
<u>Joseph P. Ryan</u>	<u>Natalie Riddle</u>
<u>Janet Reynolds Snyder</u>	<u>Lew Roubal</u>
<u>Representative Stephanie Young</u>	<u>Kelly Sesti</u>
	<u>Anita Shannon</u>
	<u>Tracey Silas</u>
	<u>Temple Smith</u>
	<u>Demetrius Starling</u>
	<u>Monica Trevino</u>
	<u>Selene V. Wadhawan Weiss</u>
	<u>Kara Wood</u>

Working Agenda



1. Welcome and Check-in (Co-Chairs) (15 Minutes)
 - i. Welcome to new members Sandra Lindsey and Patricia Neitman
2. Charge Statement (5 Minutes)

Purpose: Time-limited task force to provide legislative, policy, and practice recommendations to MDHHS on the following:

Redesigning a front-end response to allegations of abuse and neglect that is free from bias and distinguishes between crisis and a need for family services and support.

Reducing racial disparities in foster care outcomes through:

- *Increased use of supported, safe kinship care*
- *Improved access to community based mental health services*
- *Elimination of improper placements in residential settings*

3. MDHHS Updates (MDHHS) (10 Minutes)
 - i. The kinship advisory council is working in collaboration with Chapin Hall to establish goals and charter for 2023.
 - ii. Kinship Grant is focusing on the kinship triad, a joint effort with MDHHS, MSU, and Macomb County.
 - iii. Kinship connections, a family finding software platform, is being piloted in counties in BSC 2 & 3, to help guide and build genograms to create a comprehensive database.
 - iv. Kinship parent support workers, 16 partner support workers are utilized throughout the state for kinship families. 498 cases have utilized these workers doing family finding, working on licensing and other supportive activities.
 - v. Savator Selden-Johnson retired on January 1. We are grateful for her service over the years and are proud to announce Tracey Silas is the new Kent County child welfare director. Welcome Tracey.
 - vi. Race data collection project: the goal is to increase the accuracy, reliability, and completeness of race and ethnicity data the Children's Services Agency collects. Workshops have been implemented to meet that goal. The pilot is being evaluated and expansion is being considered.
4. Orchard's Kinship Update (Mike Williams) (10 minutes)
 - i. Orchard's Children's Services is working with a second chance model to execute the kinship connection contract.
5. Task Force Legislative Request Update (Rep. Young) (10 minutes)
 6. The legislative request will be discussed on January 31 during the Families, Children, and Seniors House Committee meeting at 12:00pm in room 326 of the Anderson House Office Building.
7. Implementation Workgroup Update (Implementation Group Co-Chairs) (55 Minutes)

- i. Work has been ongoing. Please see slides for complete updates.
8. Action Items (10 Minutes)
 - Establish Workgroup leadership to advance CCI Recommendations (MPHI Staff: Paul Elam)
 - Establish small group to work with co-chairs to review kinship care models (MPHI Staff: Temple Smith)
 - <https://forchildwelfare.org/30-days-to-family/>
 - <https://www.casey.org/family-search-engagement/>
 - <http://www.grandfamilies.org/Portals/0/Documents/General%20Kinship%20Publications/kin-promising-practice%202022%20Final.pdf>
9. Review Decision & Action Items (5 Minutes)
 - i. Next Meeting: TBD