



**Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force
Implementation Workgroup Update Meeting
Friday, August 19, 11:00AM-1:00PM**

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Invited/Attended

Taskforce Members

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Michael E. Williams, Co-Chair	Joseph P. Ryan
Judge Stuart Black	Vivek Sankaran
Lara Bouse	Jason Smith
Senator Marshall Bullock	Janet Reynolds Snyder
Justice Elizabeth T. Clement	Carol Wilson Spigner
Cami Fraser	Ann Silverberg Williamson
Lenier Holston	Representative Stephanie Young

[Sandra Gasca-Gonzalez](#)

Ex-Officio Members

Representative Luke Meerman	Shayne Machen
Kayla Morgan	Mary Lou Mahoney
Debra Pinals	Kim Reese
Lillie Pinder	Lew Roubal
	Demetrius Starling

Advisory Committee Members

[Kristine Andrews](#) [Selene V. Wadhawan Weiss](#)

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Working Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-in (Co-Chairs) (10 Minutes)
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. SDM tool update- centralized intake
 1. In testing stage for the SDM tool to ensure that the tool is performing correctly, the right data is being collected, etc. 125 staff are currently contributing to the testing. The tool will be finalized after testing and adjustments are made. The tool will be built outside of MISACWIS, compatible with CWIS, so that it can be easily integrated when they begin work on the intake module. Full implementation will occur by January 2023.
 - ii. Kinship update- Ongoing MDHHS initiatives
 1. 2021 Spalding grant for KinderCare program, increase access to supports and resources for kinship families. Currently the program is focused in Macomb county. As it is developed in Macomb, findings will be shared throughout the state.
 2. Connect our Kids, Isabella, Muskegon, Saginaw counties. Free software that allows MDHHS staff to complete a relative search through a genogram tool, AI technology, and aggregating search engines.
 3. Kinship support program: statewide project that is ongoing and available to staff. Allows for enhanced case management, monthly kinship legal clinics, and staff outreach coordinator to support educational outreach and advocacy.
 4. Kinship advisory council work ongoing.
4. 2022 Implementation Plan and Kinship Recommendation Update (Implementation Group Co-Chairs) (75 Minutes)
 - i. The task force recommendations and action plans can be found here:
<https://michigancwtf.org/>
 - ii. The kinship proposal was adopted by the Task Force.
5. Kinship Awareness Summit (MDHHS) (5 Minutes)
6. Review Decision & Action Items (15 Minutes)

- i. Press announcement forthcoming, please be on the lookout.
- ii. Next Meeting: January 20, 2023 (Virtual)

Decision and Action Log

No.	Decision or Action	Who?
1	The Task Force approved the kinship proposal	