



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERMANENCY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

**Representative Samantha Kerkman, Chair
Senator Mary Lazich, Vice-Chair**

January 24, 2013

**Legislative Council Conference Room
1 East Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI**

9:30 a.m.* CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

9:35 a.m. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S NOVEMBER 15, 2012 MEETING.

9:40 a.m. PRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS:

- The Honorable Shelley J. Gaylord, Dane County Circuit Court Branch 6.
- Nancy Rottier, Legislative Liaison.
- Bridget Bauman, Children's Court Improvement Project Policy Analyst.

10:10 a.m. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Adoption proceedings; tribal customary adoptions; and posttermination agreements:
 - WLC: 0021/2, relating to posttermination agreement.
 - WLC: 0027/2, relating to adoption home investigations and confidentiality of change in placement and adoptive parent information.
 - WLC: 0040/1, relating to recognizing tribal customary adoption and suspension

of parental rights.

- WLC: 0041/1, relating to adoption petitions filed by counties.
- Grounds for termination of parental rights (TPR); TPR proceedings; child in need of protection of services (CHIPS) proceedings and appeals; alcohol and other drug testing of parents in a CHIPS proceeding; locating relatives; and grounds for CHIPS jurisdiction:
 - WLC 0009/3, relating to CHIPS jurisdiction over a newborn.
 - WLC: 0011/3, relating to physical, psychological, mental, or developmental examination and AODA assessment of a parent.
 - WLC: 0012/3, relating to TPR ground of continuing CHIPS.
 - WLC: 0013/3, relating to when no reasonable efforts are required.
 - WLC: 0022/2, relating to standards for parental participation.
 - WLC: 0028/1, relating to TPR participation by alleged father.
 - WLC: 0030/2, relating to CHIPS jurisdiction over a child born with alcohol or controlled substances.
 - WLC: 0031/2, relating to expedited appellate procedures for ch. 48 cases.
 - WLC: 0055/1, relating to revising certain TPR grounds.
 - WLC: 0063/1, relating to requirements to locate relatives of a child placed outside of his or her home and disclosure of social services records.
- Right to counsel in CHIPS proceedings and right to jury trial under the Children's Code:
 - WLC: 0010/3, relating to right to counsel for parents in CHIPS proceedings.
 - WLC: 0026/1, relating to eliminating right to jury trial in CHIPS and TPR.
- Materials from the State Public Defender (SPD), Director of State Courts Office, and the Department of Children and Families (DCF):
 - Memorandum, *Department Views on Family Group Decision-Making Program*, from Secretary Eloise Anders, DCF (December 18, 2012).
 - Letter, to Members of the Special Committee on Permanency of Young Children in the Child Welfare System, from Adam Plotkin, SPD Legislative Liaison (January 16, 2013).
 - Memorandum, *WELFR: Expedited Appellate Procedures for ch. 48 cases, Legislative Council Draft WLC: 0031/1 1/08/2013*, from Marla J. Stephens, Appellate Division Director, SPD (January 10, 2013).

- Memorandum, *Comments Relating to Proposed Legislation from the Special Committee on Permanency for Young Children in the Child Welfare System*, from Nancy Rottier, Legislative Liaison, Director of State Courts Office (January 18, 2013).
- Memorandum, *Department Positions on Bill Drafts*, from Eloise Anderson, Secretary, Department of Children and Families (January 23, 2013).

12:15 p.m. LUNCH.

1:00 p.m. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED.

4:00 p.m. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

4:20 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS.

4:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT.

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| Other committee members: Rep. Billings; and Public Members Ellingson, Foley, Grigsby, Gumz, Herbst, Jasmer, Leoso-Corbine, Maki, Neeson, Othrow, Rogers, Snead, and Sowinski. |
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