

Action items identified at 10/15/19 meeting of the GOC with chairs and leads of JUD/HHS:

1. Presentation of strategies and initiatives to improve child welfare by Director Landry. *This presentation could be tailored to a particular audience/committee, if preferred. One presentation would be to the Judiciary Committee, with an invitation to representatives of the Judiciary Branch to be scheduled prior to January and the other to a wider legislative audience, possibly via a meeting of the Children Caucus.*
2. Increase understanding of participation of stakeholders representing those engaged in the judicial processes related to child protective matters. *Whom has OCFS engaged as stakeholders in the mapping of initiatives with regard to court system elements of child welfare system?*
3. Increase understanding of the impacts to the judicial system over the past year to 18-months as related to the reported increase of child protective cases.
4. Explore the feasibility of including information on the OCFS data-dashboard regarding impacts on the court system.
5. Track the receipt of federal Family First Program funds aimed at secondary prevention efforts. *Is this money flowing and how is it being spent? Are legislative actions required to receive or maximize these funds?*
6. Track the progress of related bills carried over on the Special Appropriations Table – specifically (the following LDs are included on the tracking document distributed on 10/15);
 - a. LD 115 An Act to Appropriate Funds for Home Visiting Services to provide Child Development Education and Skills Development for New Parents;
 - b. LD 633 An Act to Create a Permanent Navigator Position within DHHS;
 - c. LD 1039 Resolve to Establish and Fund Intervention for At-Risk Families and Children; and
 - d. LD 1417 An Act to Expand Access to Head Start to Assist Opioid-Affected and Other At-Risk Families.
7. [Communication] Develop a plan to facilitate communication between JUD and HHS committees.
8. [Big picture/process] Examine our structure with regard to addressing complicated, cross-jurisdictional issues with the assistance of NCSL.

Prepared by OPEGA at the request of GOC chairs

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