



# Legislative Task Force on Child Protection

Friday, February 9, 2024

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MSB 1100

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes
3. State Financial Audit and Practice Recommendations to Diversify Funding Streams – Sen. Mary Kunesh
  - *John Stephen, Stephen Group*
  - *Judge Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*
  - *Kwesi Booker, Director of Children and Family Services, Hennepin County*
4. SF 716 Minnesota African American Family Preservation Act – Sen. Bobby Joe Champion
  - *Kelis Houston, Founder, Village Arms*
  - *Thomas Berry, Village Arms*
5. Statewide Maltreatment Hotline – Rep. Kim Hicks
6. Law Enforcement Reporting of Child Custody Intake Requirement – Rep. Heather Keeler
7. Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Child Protection and Removals – Sen. Nicole Mitchell
  - *Tracy Crudo, Co-Director, Minnesota Child Welfare Training Academy*
  - *Laurie York, Executive Director, White Earth Nation*
8. Foster Youth Receiving Benefits and Other Income Notification Requirement – Sen. Nicole Mitchell
  - *Ariana Guerra, Director of Systems Change, Foster Advocates*
  - *AJ Jackson, Foster Leader, Foster Advocates*

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9. Plain Language Parental Summary – Rep. Hodan Hassan
10. Child Mortality Review Updates – Rep. Dave Pinto
  - *Mark Hudson, MD, Medical Director, Midwest Children's Resource Center; Director, Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center*
  - *Kelly Knutson, MSW, M.Sc., Senior Director, Collaborative Safety, LLC*
11. Access for Ombuds for Families, American Indian Families, Family Child Care Providers, and Foster Youth to SSIS Data – Sen. Nicole Mitchell
  - *Misty Coonce, Ombudsperson for Foster Youth*
12. Maltreatment of Minors Act Updates – Sen. Nicole Mitchell
  - *Marcia Milliken, Executive Director, Minnesota Childrens Alliance*
13. Presentation on Child Welfare System Workforce Engagement
  - *Tikki Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services*
  - *Stacy Hennen, Director of Human Services, Western Prairie and Traverse County Human Services*
14. Adjournment

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