

Child Protection Strategy Work Group November 10, 2015

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VISION: Children Safe,
Family Strong

MISSION:

Children are positioned within their cultural foundation and their families to achieve their fullest potential

CHILDREN:

- ▶ Are Safe
- ▶ Have their basic needs met
- ▶ Have a sense of belonging
- ▶ Feel valued



In Partnership - MACSSA and DHS developed an implementation framework for the 93 recommendations from the Governor's Taskforce for the Protection of Children.

MACSSA Participation:

- ▶ Aitkin County
- ▶ Blue Earth County
- ▶ Dakota County
- ▶ Grant County
- ▶ Hennepin County
- ▶ Olmsted County
- ▶ Ramsey County
- ▶ Scott County
- ▶ Stearns County
- ▶ Rice County
- ▶ Washington County
- ▶ MACSSA Director

DHS Participation:

- ▶ DHS Child Safety and Permanency
- ▶ DHS County Relations
- ▶ DHS Research and Evaluation
- ▶ DHS Quality Assurance
- ▶ DHS Training

Responsibility of Child Protective Services

- Assess the safety of children;
- Intervene to protect children from harm;
- Strengthen the ability of families to protect their children;
- Provide either a reunification or an alternative, safe family for the child

- ▶ Intake
- ▶ Differential or Traditional Response
- ▶ Family Assessment
- ▶ Case Planning
- ▶ Service Provision
- ▶ Family Progress
- ▶ Case Closure

Categorizing the Recommendations

- ▶ Recommendations that are completed (13)
- ▶ Recommendations that are being addressed by current work groups (14)
- ▶ Recommendations that we support to move forward as written (25)
- ▶ Recommendations to re-strategize (30)
- ▶ Recommendations for which the benefits to the system are minimal or have a low benefit to cost ratio (5)
- ▶ Recommendations with potential unintended consequences that may adversely impact children and families (6)

Completed
Recommendations:
(p. 9-10)

These
recommendations were
addressed in the 2015
Legislative Session
and/or the revised
Child Maltreatment
Intake, Screening and
Response Path
Guidelines

Ease of Implementation Complexity - the work group assigned a weighted average (all equal parts at 25%) to determine complexity:

- ▶ Costs to the counties (low, medium, high)
- ▶ Costs to the state (low, medium, high)
- ▶ Practice changes to the state (low, medium, high)
- ▶ Practice changes to the counties (low, medium, high)

Additionally, projections for “time for implementation” - 1 to 5 yrs.

Recommendations that are being addressed by the current workgroups (p. 8-9)

- Intake, Screening & Response Path
- Professional Development
- Child Mortality/Near Fatality
- Implementation Steering Workgroup
- Legislative Task Force

Examples:

- ▶ 2nd iteration of Intake, Screening, and Response Guidelines - Dec 2015
- ▶ Development of process for review of maltreatment related Child Fatalities/Near Fatalities
- ▶ Develop Child Protection Training Academy

Recommendations that we support to move forward as written (p.6-8)

Examples:

- ▶ Planning for organizational revision of Minnesota Statute 626.556
- ▶ Review, update, and validate all decision making tools
- ▶ Identify a validated safety assessment tool that better reflects dangerousness and child vulnerability factors

Recommendations to Re-Strategize (p. 10-17)

53. Support the development of “cultural navigator” and parent mentor positions to act as liaisons with racial and ethnic communities, using a community health worker model

(p. 13)

Example:

Intent:

to address disparities and increase cultural competence in workforce

Proposed modification:

Research and support services that will address disparities and increase cultural competencies in the workforce (System Navigators) - Pilot new approaches w/ Disparities Grants

Recommendations to Re-Strategize
(p. 10-17)

#70. Require licensed mandated reporters to submit evidence of completion of mandated reporter training as a requirement for licensure/re-licensure, and develop a certificate of completion of DHS online mandate reporter training. (p. 14)

Example:

Intent:

All mandated reporters should have training

Proposed Modification:

The Legislature should direct relevant licensing boards to include documentation of training as a condition of licensing renewal.

Recommendations for which the benefits to the system are minimal or have a low benefit to cost ratio (p. 18)

Example:

#24. DHS should work with counties, tribes and other stakeholders and experts to examine the possible development of a statewide child abuse and neglect reporting system.

Rationale:

The cost would be high and concerned it would take away from resources that more directly impact children

Recommendations with potential unintended consequences that may adversely impact children and families
(p. 18-19)

Example:

#32. Interview children individually first and prior to contact with parent/legal guardian whenever possible

Rationale:

Approach is not always needed and can further traumatize the child.

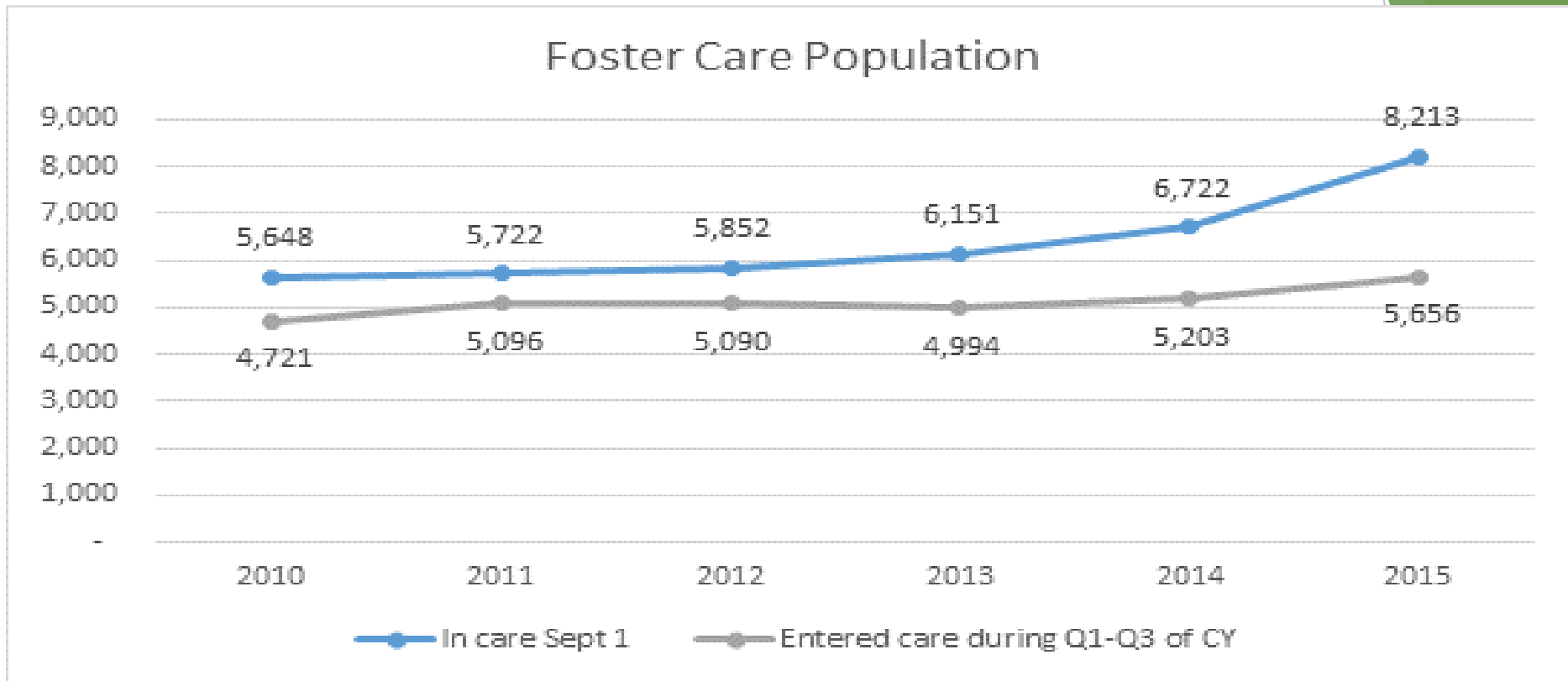
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Example:

#45 ...”Documentation of Differential Response cases will include a case summary form which will include a statement that will identify if the child experienced maltreatment”...

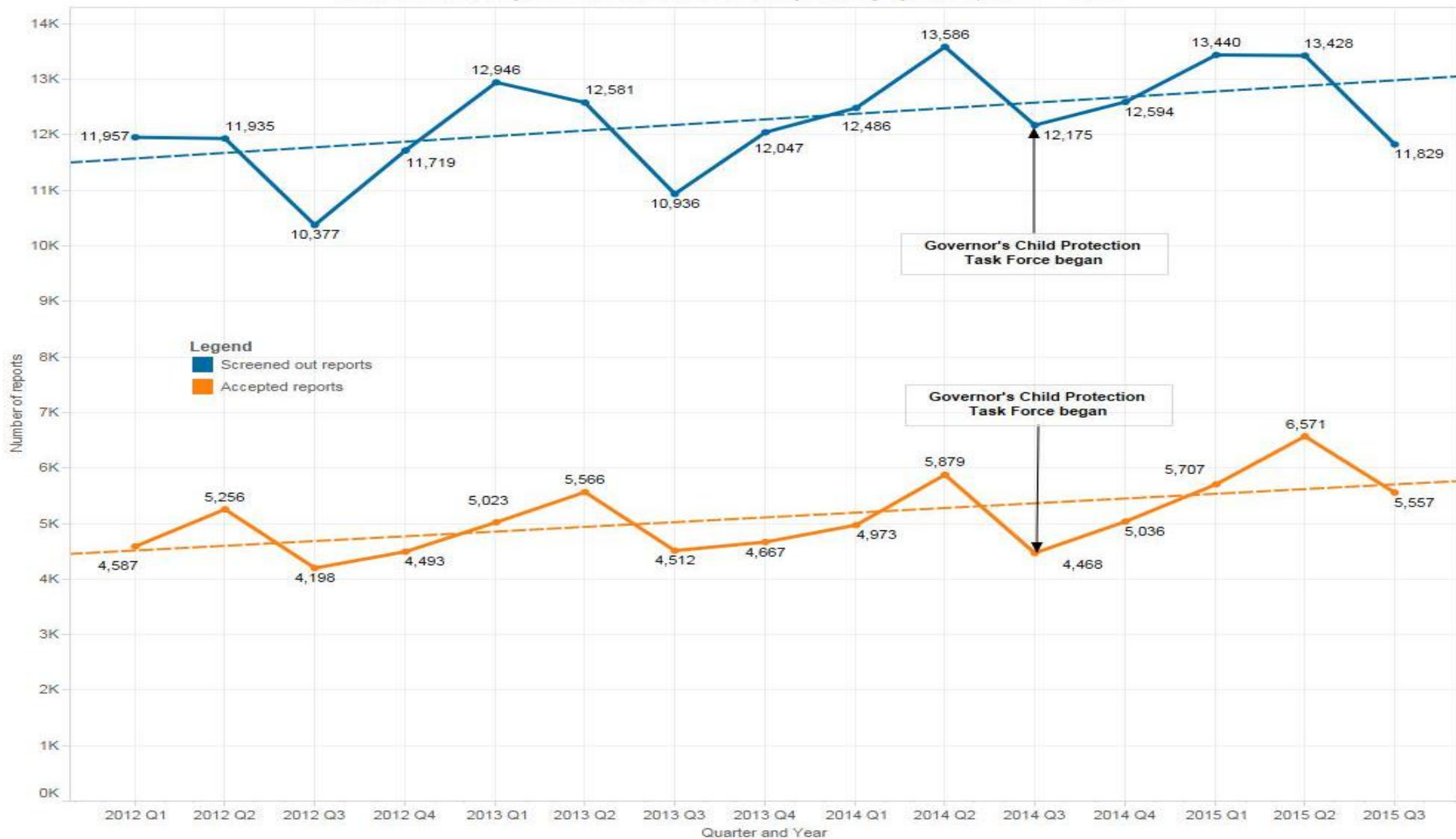
Rationale:

This means all cases will go through investigation and moves into differential response



The chart's blue line shows the number of children in care on September 1, for the years 2010 through 2015.

Number of accepted and screened out reports by quarter, 2012 - 2015



Number of determined reports by quarter, 2012 - 2015

