

Legislative meeting: Oct. 26, 2018

DHS 2019 Proposals:

Autumn Baum is now the legislative lead for the Child/Safety/Permanency area

NO decisions made yet on what proposals will leave DHS yet and go on to the Governor for support

Policy PROPOSALS:

Adoption Kinship--same small changes

County Withholds--similar to what was brought forward previously, getting rid of withhold and have a PIP determine steps in order to continue to receive

Safe Place for Newborns: Working with MDH to modify statutes so can be born in hospitals and be left at the hospital and still fall under this.

Northstar--some small corrections

Recodification of 626.556

Mitchell-Hamline and DHS on making list shorter regarding background study list

FFPSA Policy Proposals:

Title IV-E maintenance payments for children living with parents in Substance use facilities--amend definition of FC to include them, making sure this is available to all children who are in foster care placement (making it available in the EPC, but not to all children we have voluntary services with). 260C.505 statute about THV may need some changes and time toward permanency, separate section in statute to go over "placements" related to this. Criminal registry checks for anyone working in a facility--will this come from CSP area or OHG? Have the waiver

Considering waivers for children living in family foster homes being limited to 6. Remove the variance area in statute and only state would provide the variances. Would still have the 6 and then variance but make it clear with FFPSA.

Proof of foster care for youth aging out of foster care--currently a bulletin and not statute so want to make statute.

Budget proposals:

Elimination of pre-school entry rate under adoption

Child Welfare Training Academy--Regionalized CWT Academy and one time funding of a CW caseload study. Decrease wait list for training, improve turnover rates, create CW hubs,

Expansion for Mille Lacs Band and Red Lake tribes into child welfare initiative.

Expand pilot for 2 years and add two additional counties for homeless youth pilot.

Continuous quality improvement proposals to move toward compliance with systemic factors related to CFSR--adding staff to the CQI area to accommodate needs.

FFPSA Budget Page: Roles and positions to expand the supported service array, support for the residential facilities requirements and the array, kinship navigator area, fiscal staff for a variety of areas, background check areas. Still looking for input into that process.

MACSSA proposals:

IMD--(DHS Health Care looking at extensions)

School Transportation--Is DHS working with MDE to make the case that keeping the kids in the same school is good for kids?

Broader position just on vision of child wellbeing and direction of services

Child wellbeing overall and how we have a roadmap for this.

SUID reform in general and now FFPSA part playing into that
Mobile Crisis Response
Variances for child care licenses to the state
24 hour response time--statutory changes in definition of imminent danger: conditionally safe
override.

Families First Related Proposals:

260D: Requirements need to change for the QRTPs, and an addition to 260C for a 60 day review
and both need to change the focus on whether placement is necessary and
Changes to voluntary placements under 260C if the parent and child are placed together and
make good for 12 months and a paper review similar to 260D, but this is not for the QRTP
placements which then need the actual hearings every 60 days.

QRTP--License of the facility. May not be a licensing requirement as much as a Title IV-E
requirement. Will it be a licensing approval process or additional licensure?

Program Admissions standards--

Corporate foster homes will not meet foster home standards because license holder doesn't live
in the home. Can any of these meet the QRTP requirement? Already have the 245D licensing but
what would it take to get to the QRTP?