

### MACSSA/DHS Legislative Proposals Meeting Minutes

### Feb. 7, 2019; 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

#### DHS, 444 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul; Room 4146

1. Welcome and introductions
2. 2019 DHS legislative proposals
   * Overview of process/current status-
   * **CSP – policy and budget**-Still waiting for budget and policy decisions to get made. The Governor’s Budget should be out by 2/19/19. Revision of 626.556-a few modifications made. Copy of these revisions are attached. Foster Care Licensing proposal-shared concerns on counties discretion over concerning information in background studies if removed as permanent bars for example. Counties will get the information and can make recommendations to DHS about licensing. DHS has final decision but counties have discretion for placement. Discussed liability to counties. African American Family Preservation Bill-expansive piece of legislation and alters the duties of counties to African American children. As drafted it shifts costs to counties. DHS believes current legislation is not constitutional but no position on this yet.
   * **MH—policy and budget**-HF 679 Children’s IMD proposal was introduced and should be heard next week.
3. **MACSSA proposals/positions:** Children protection withholds-SF 543 introduced and working to secure House authors.
4. **Family First related proposals/potential proposals**-No new updates
5. **External bills of interest-** HF 563-Heaven’s Bill-involves the sharing of information in interstate child protection investigations. Hennepin County has a bill to amend and clarify that the agency can share information with mandated reporters throughout the life of a case and not just the investigation phase.