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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF THE NEVADA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

#### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

#### AGENDA

**DATE:** Friday, December 8, 2023

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.- Adjournment

**VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

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**TELECONFERENCE LINE:** 1-775-321-6111

**CONFERENCE ID:** 436 326 718#

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- *Items may be taken out of order, may be combined for consideration by the public body, and/or may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.*
- *“For Information” items are informal in nature and may include discussion and ideas*
- *“For Possible Action” items may be voted on or approved by members of the commission.*

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Megan Miller, Ryan Gustafson, Judge Paige Dollinger, Judge Stephanie Charter, Shelia Parks
2. **Welcome and Introductions (Roll Call)** – DCFS Staff
3. **Public Comment and Discussion** (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this Agenda item until scheduled on an Agenda for a later meeting*)  
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4. **For Information:** Welcome and Introduce Community Stakeholders- Megan Miller
5. **For Possible Action:** Meeting Minutes – Megan Miller, Ryan Gustafson, Judge Paige Dollinger, Judge Stephanie Charter, Shelia Parks
  - Review and vote to approve September 15, 2023 meeting minutes
6. **For Information:** Discuss and Develop Priorities Regarding Independent Living / Extended Foster Care– Megan Miller, Ryan Gustafson, Judge Paige Dollinger, Judge Stephanie Charter, Shelia Parks
  - Discuss and identify steps to ensure deadlines regarding extended foster care in Nevada Revised Statutes 432B.5919 are met and achieved.
  - Discuss and identify any concerns regarding placement resources for young adults entering independent living and/or extended foster care.
  - Discuss and identify concerns surrounding young adults entering independent living and/or extended foster care who are also involved in the Department of Juvenile Justice Services.
  - Discuss and identify research regarding the efficacy of independent living programs.
7. **For Information:** Discuss and Identify Placements for Children Involved in the Child Welfare System – Megan Miller, Ryan Gustafson, Judge Paige Dollinger, Judge Stephanie Charter, Shelia Parks
  - Discuss and identify concerns surrounding children with mental health or behavioral needs.
  - Discuss and identify issues surrounding placements for sibling groups.
  - Discuss and identify concerns surrounding placement for children who are also involved in the Department of Juvenile Justice Services.
  - Discuss and identify issues surrounding congregate care.
8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps – Megan Miller, Ryan Gustafson, Judge Paige Dollinger, Judge Stephanie Charter, Shelia Parks
  - Assign Tasks to Committee Members (if needed)
  - Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
  - Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time
9. **Public Comment and Discussion** (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this Agenda item until scheduled on an Agenda for a later meeting*)

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## **10. Adjourn**

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### **State of Nevada- Nevada Public Notices**

Website- <https://notice.nv.gov/>

1. Division of Child and Family Services, 4126 Technology Way, 3rd Floor, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, 2655 Enterprise Rd., Reno, NV 89512
3. Nevada Youth Parole Bureau, 6171 W. Charleston Blvd., Bldg. 15, Las Vegas, NV 89146
4. Elko Juvenile Court, 665 W. Silver Street, Elko, NV 89801
5. Clark County District Attorney, 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
6. Division of Child and Family Services, 475 W. Haskell St. #7, Winnemucca, NV 89445