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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE NEVADA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION

AGENDA

DATE: Friday, December 15, 2023

TIME: 10:30 A.M. - Adjournment

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- *“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** – Justice Nancy Saitta, Justice Elissa Cadish, Dr. Cindy Pitlock
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:** Children’s Commission Membership- Justice Nancy Saitta
 - Introduction of the Division of Child and Family Services Administrator, Marla McDade Williams
5. **For Possible Action:** Meeting Minutes – Justice Nancy Saitta
 - Review and vote to approve September 22, 2023 meeting minutes
6. **For Information:** School Discipline Legislative Changes – Dr. Leslie Strasser Congrove, Clark County Department of Family Services and Gillian Barjon, Legal Aid of Southern Nevada
 - Provide an overview on the legislative changes to school disciplinary policies and the impact on children in foster care and children with disabilities.
7. **For Information:** Division of Child and Family Services Updates- Marla McDade Williams, Division of Child and Family Services
 - Provide an update on the Request for Proposal for the UNITY replacement.
 - Provide an update on the foster care listening session.
8. **For Information:** Updates from Committees
 - Behavioral Health Committee- Gwynneth Smith
 - Child Welfare Committee- Megan Miller
 - Education Committee- Janice Wolf
9. **For Information:** Court Improvement Program Update – Zaide Martinez, Nevada Supreme Court-Administrative Office of the Courts
 - Provide updates on the Court Improvement Program.
10. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps – Justice Nancy Saitta
 - Assign Tasks to Committee Members (if needed)
 - Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
 - Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time
 - i. March 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
11. **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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12. Adjourn

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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