Staffing and Oversight review subcommittee
Suzanne Kreie, Chair
Lisa Chapland, Co-Chair

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Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025

Attendance:
Suzanne Kreie, Coordinated Family Care
Lisa Chapland, Kinship Resource Parent
Marygrace Billek, public member
Christine Beyer, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families
Lynette Rente, Office of the Public Defender
Linda Porcaro, Sommerset County Department of Human Services
Angie Waters, NJ CASA
Mary Coogan, Advocates for Children of New Jersey
Garnet Roberts-Batson, DAD's Council
Mary Hallahan, Resource Parent
Laura Jamet, Department of Children and Families

Guests:
Megan Bruhn, Montclair University
Victoria Vargas, Montclair University
Emily Douglas, Montclair University
Wendy Zeitlin, Montclair University

Staff:
Bethany D'Amelio, Department of Children and Families

1. **Objective and Agenda Overview:**
   - Discussion focused on streamlined approaches for data collection and analysis to ensure accuracy and consistency with past reports.
   - Emphasis on aligning upcoming projects with existing frameworks and exploring innovative methods for future enhancements.
2. **Data and Evaluation Insights:**

- Current timelines detail ongoing data collection and confirmation activities, with preliminary results expected by September.
- A plan to replicate previous year's methodologies with updated data to ensure comparability and comprehensive trend analysis.

3. **Collaboration and Communication:**
    - Recognition of continued support from external partners post-contract, facilitating improved data understanding and resolution of discrepancies.
    - Coordination with various committees to ensure stakeholder insights are reflected in the final findings.

4. **Future Meeting Planning:**
    - Proposed in-person meeting at Montclair State for further discussion and review of collected data, with an emphasis on non-overlapping agendas to maximize efficacy.

5. **Strategic Goals:**
    - Establishment of a dialogue to examine multi-year data trends for more predictive insights and facilitating targeted conversations on areas requiring further investigation.

6. **Additional Discussions:**
    - Commitment to open dialogue and iterative review processes to refine strategies and achieve desired outcomes by scheduled report release.

7. **Action Points and Recommendations:**
    - Continued refinement of data handling processes.
    - Engagements with stakeholders to explore emerging issues highlighted by data trends.
    - Further integration of feedback in report drafting and planning phases.

This memo aims to maintain transparency and provide the public with an overview of the task force's recent deliberations. The committee values community input and engagement as we collectively strive to enhance the welfare of children and families across New Jersey. This meeting report was prepared, in part, with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
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