COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

OREGON MEETING AGENDA
February 26-27, 2015

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

8:00 – 8:15 **Opening Remarks by Chairman David Sanders**

8:15 – 8:30 **Statement by Erinn Kelley-Siel, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)**

8:30 – 9:45 **A Child Well-Being Framework, Implications and Lessons for Child Fatality Prevention**

This panel will focus on innovative service delivery models under way in the Pacific Northwest region that operate from a well-being framework. In particular, the panel will explore leading cross-system data-sharing, funding, and program efforts that present potential strategies to help prevent child maltreatment fatalities. The panel will examine innovations under way via Medicaid, health care reform, ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and safe sleep efforts.

Key questions: What do we know about child abuse and neglect fatalities of children not known to the child welfare system? What strategies are states or tribes using that are demonstrated to reduce child abuse and neglect fatalities of children not known to child welfare? Are states or federal agencies using innovative and effective means to leverage funds across federal funding streams to support prevention efforts? What interventions/efforts are under way in Oregon and Washington that are promising in the prevention of child maltreatment fatalities for children not already known to the child welfare system? What are opportunities presented within health care reform? What are opportunities presented by comprehensive ACES activities? What key policies are being employed or present barriers to intervention? What federal funding sources are being used to prevent child abuse and neglect fatalities, and how effective are they? How is Medicaid being utilized? How is confidentiality being managed in cross-system data sharing efforts?

Presenters:

- *MaryAnne Lindeblad, Director, Washington State Health Care Authority, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services*
- *Amy Baker, Children's Mental Health Director, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Oregon Health Authority*
- *Helen Bellanca, Maternal and Child Health Program Manager, Health Share of Oregon*

9:45 – 10:00 **Break**

10:00 – 11:15 **Child Welfare's Capacity to Prevent Fatal Maltreatment: Workload and Workforce Turnover as Factors in Preventing Fatal Child Maltreatment**

This panel will explore the research on agency workload factors that influence performance, with a specific focus on variables such as time allocated to investigation and safety and risk assessment, frequency of case manager contact, duration of contacts, and quality of contacts. It also will explore the issue of workforce turnover and its impact on child and family outcomes, particularly the prevention of fatalities.

Key questions: What are the major findings from child welfare workload studies? How do workload and caseload affect outcome achievement? Is there any known relationship between caseload and child maltreatment fatalities? What are the successful strategies being implemented to reduce child abuse and neglect fatalities of children known to or involved in child welfare?

Presenters:

- *Myles Edwards, Independent Consultant*
- *Don Graham, Walter R. McDonald & Associates*
- *Ryan Vogt, Oregon Department of Human Services*
- *Joan Zlotnik, Director, Social Work Policy Institute, NASW Foundation*

11:15 – 12:45 **Federal Child Welfare Policies Focused on Child Safety**

This presentation will provide a strong foundation for understanding the status and effectiveness of key federal policies aimed at protecting children who are at high risk of serious harm.

Key questions: What (if any) strategies being used by states, tribes, and localities demonstrate reduced child abuse and neglect fatalities of children known to child welfare? How are states identifying children "most at risk" of maltreatment, and how are they addressing these children's safety needs? What are the strengths and gaps in current federal child welfare law with respect to preventing child abuse and neglect fatalities?

***Presenter**: JooYeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

12:45 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:15 **Understanding the Legal Rights of Government and Citizens Regarding Intervention on Behalf of Children: Limits, Challenges, and Opportunities**

This presentation will discuss the legal framework that supports government's ability to intervene on behalf of children in the family context. Attorney Noonan will discuss the concept of *parens patriae* and the constitutional framework that seeks to balance the rights and responsibilities of parent, child, and state, as well as the recognition that parents have a fundamental liberty interest, protected by the Constitution, to raise their children as they choose. Legal standards such as the best interest of the child, compelling state interest, and threat of harm will be described and explored with regard to how they guide and limit current child welfare practice. Ms. Noonan will also consider whether these legal limits might inhibit best practice and explore potential new ways to approach these old standards.

Key questions: What is the best interest of the child standard? What does "consent to treatment" mean in the child welfare context? What is a compelling state interest related to child abuse and neglect? What is the "threat of harm," and what can government do in circumstances where threat is identified? How is preventive or predictive intervention possible in light of these standards?

***Presenter**: Kathleen Noonan, Co-Director, PolicyLab, and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

2:15 – 3:15 **CPS Subcommittee (Part 1)**

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 4:30 **CPS Subcommittee (Part 2)**

4:30 – 5:00 **American Indian/Alaska Native Subcommittee**

5:00 – 5:30 **Closing Remarks: Chairman Sanders**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

8:00 – 9:00	**Policy Subcommittee**
9:00 – 10:00	**Public Health Subcommittee (Part 1)**
10:00 – 10:15	**Break**
10:15 – 11:15	**Public Health Subcommittee (Part 2)**
11:15 – 11:30	**Disproportionality Subcommittee**
11:30 – 11:45	**Measurement Subcommittee**
11:45 – 12:00	**Military Subcommittee**
12:00 – 12:30	**Closing Remarks: Chairman Sanders**