



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERMANENCY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

**Representative Samantha Kerkman, Chair
Senator Mary Lazich, Vice-Chair**

November 15, 2012

**Legislative Council Conference Room
1 East Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI**

9:30 a.m.* CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

9:35 a.m. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S OCTOBER 9,
2012 MEETING.

9:40 a.m. DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Adoption proceedings, tribal customary adoptions, and posttermination agreements:
 - WLC: 0021/1, relating to posttermination agreement.
 - WLC: 0027/1, relating to adoption home investigations and confidentiality of change in placement and adoptive parent information.
 - WLC: 0041/P1, relating to adoption petitions filed by counties.
 - WLC: 0040/1, relating to recognizing tribal customary adoption and suspension of parental rights.
- Grounds for termination of parental rights (TPR), and TPR proceedings:
 - Memo No. 4, *Proposals to Revise Certain Grounds for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights* (September 27, 2012) (previously distributed at the October 9, 2012 committee meeting).

- Memo No. 5, *Proposal to Revise a Ground for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights* (November 8, 2012).
- Memo No. 6, *Revising the Time When a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights Must be Filed* (November 8, 2012).
- WLC: 0012/2, relating to TPR ground of continuing CHIPS.
- WLC: 0028/1, relating to TPR participation by alleged father.
- Placement of children with relatives and siblings:
 - Memo No. 7, *Minnesota's Family Group Decision Making Program and Alternative Dispute Resolution* (November 7, 2012).
 - Memo No. 8, *Relative Searches in Wisconsin and Minnesota* (November 8, 2012).
 - WLC: 0038/1, relating to placement with relatives.
 - WLC: 0008/2, relating to sibling visitation.
- Child in need of protection of services (CHIPS) proceedings and appeals, alcohol and other drug testing of parents in a CHIPS proceeding, and the right to counsel in CHIPS proceedings:
 - WLC: 0014/1, relating to demand for speedy trial in criminal case (previously distributed at the October 9, 2012 committee meeting).
 - WLC: 0031/1, relating to expedited appellate procedures for ch. 48 cases.
 - WLC: 0033/1, relating to TPR challenge based on ineffective assistance of counsel.
 - WLC: 0022/1, relating to standards for parental participation.
 - WLC: 0013/2, relating to when no reasonable efforts are required.
 - WLC: 0010/2, relating to right to counsel for parents in CHIPS proceedings.
- Right to jury trial under the Children's Code:
 - WLC: 0026/1, relating to eliminating right to jury trial in CHIPS and TPR.
- Grounds for CHIPS jurisdiction:
 - WLC: 0030/1, relating to CHIPS jurisdiction over a child born with alcohol or controlled substances.
 - WLC 0009/2, relating to CHIPS jurisdiction over a newborn.
 - WLC: 0011/2, relating to physical, psychological, mental, or developmental examination and AODA assessment of a parent.

- Materials from the Courts and State Public Defender:
 - Memorandum, *Appellate Filings for Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Cases*, from Nancy Rottier, Legislative Liaison, Director of State Courts Office (October 24, 2012).
 - Memorandum, *Court and Jury Trials for Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Cases*, from Nancy Rottier, Legislative Liaison, Director of State Courts Office (October 24, 2012).
 - Letter from Adam Plotkin, Legislative Liaison, State Public Defender's Office (November 5, 2012).

12:15 p.m. LUNCH.

1:00 p.m. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED.

4:00 p.m. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.

4:20 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS.

4:25 p.m. PLANS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

4:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT.

Other committee members: Reps. Billings and Grigsby; and Public Members Ellingson, Foley, Gumz, Herbst, Jasmer, Leoso-Corbine, Maki, Neeson, Othrow, Rogers, Snead, and Sowinski.
