



State Advisory Board Meeting

March 12, 2019

Welcome and Introductions

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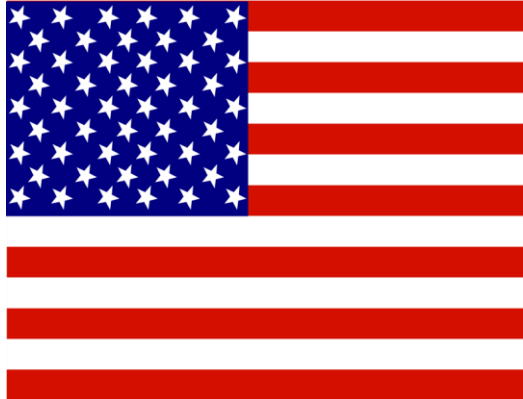
Introduction

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Mexican Consulate
- Thematic Priorities 2019

A photograph showing two men in suits seated at a table, signing documents. The man on the left is older, with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark suit and a blue tie. The man on the right is younger, with grey hair, wearing a dark suit and a brown tie. They are both focused on the documents in front of them. In the background, the United States flag, the Mexican flag, and a Georgia state flag are visible. On the table, there are several microphones, a water bottle, and a small sign with the number '34'.

Memorandum of Understanding: Mexican Consulate

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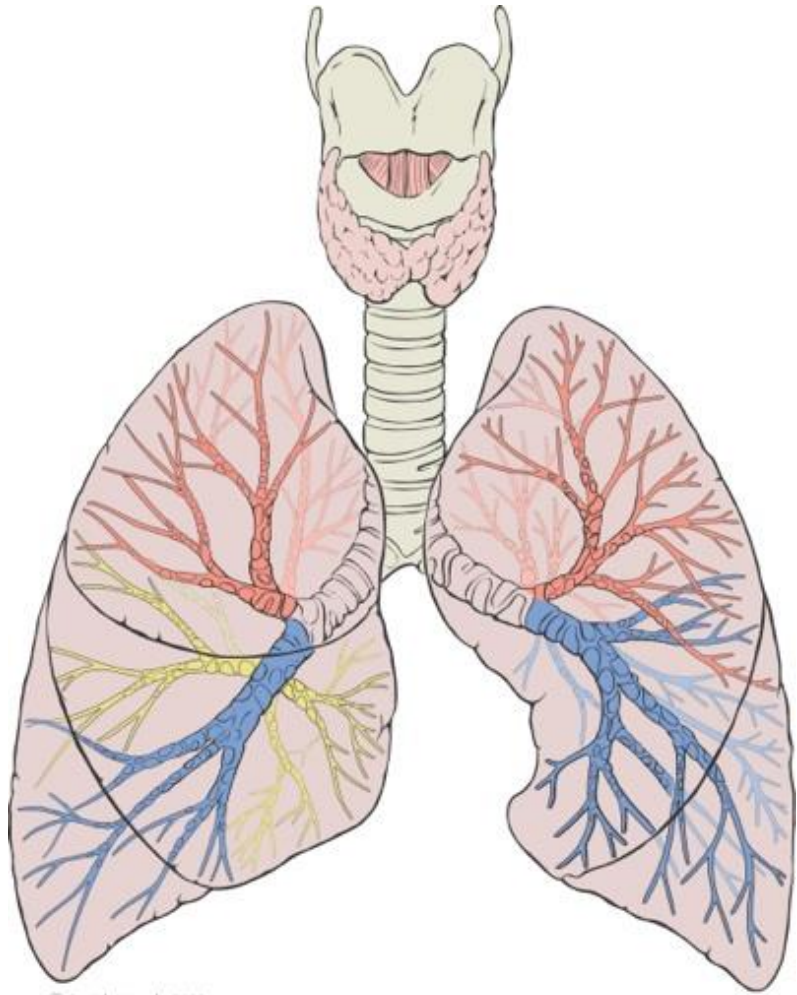


Memorandum of Understanding

- Identification
- Collaboration
- Consular involvement

Thematic Priorities for 2019

- Culture and Climate
- Recruiting and Hiring
- Building Community
- Federal Reports and Kenny A
- Improve Foster Care
- Data Integration



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Culture and Climate

- Implement just culture
- Organizational changes
- Close silos between state office and the field

Recruiting and Hiring

- Hiring event
- Position allocation plan
- Modify qualifications for social services positions





Building Community

- Build community resources through State of Hope
- Offer families more resources to keep children safely at home
- Extend family preservation services to relative caregivers



Federal Reports and Kenny A

- Exit Kenny A lawsuit
- Thorough case reviews for PIP compliance

Improve Foster Care

- Review of foster care system
- Family First Prevention Services Act
- Therapeutic foster care

Public Law 115-123
DIVISION E—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDERS
TITLE VII—FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION
SERVICES ACT

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Data Integration

- Integrate data from additional sources
- Improve our use of data to inform our work

Questions?


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Legislative Updates

Walter Jones, Communications and Legislative Affairs Director



General Assembly 2019

- Generally positive atmosphere
- Gov. Kemp set the tone for child welfare
- Support for Tom Rawlings as director
- Healthy tax revenue

FY19 Amended Budget

Out of Home Care	Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization	\$9,884,773
Out of Home Care	Start-up grants for prevention providers to fund mock Family First Act assessment surveys	\$504,000
Child Welfare Services	Foster parent support (existing funds)	\$808,210
Child Welfare Services	Predictive analytic pilot project (existing funds)	\$750,000

FY20 Budget

Out of Home Care	Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization	\$9,884,773
Adoption Services	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the preliminary Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage from 67.62% to 67.17%, as authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	\$145,663
Out of Home Care	Increase funds to reflect a reduction in the preliminary Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage from 67.62% to 67.17%, as authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	\$116,435
Child Welfare Services	SHINES Upgrades for the Family First Act (matched with federal funds) [first of 4 years]	\$3 million

Division of Family & Children Services		
Adoption Services	Adoptions caseload growth	\$501,796
Child Welfare Services	Family First project team	\$438,600
Child Welfare Services	Access of foster kids and families with safety issues to child care at Department of Early Care and Learning - Head Start	\$867,058
Child Welfare Services	Purchased services contracting support	\$427,550

Division of Family & Children Services		
Child Welfare Services	Closed-case follow-up pilot (Two contracts: North District and Metro)	\$940,000
Federal Eligibility Benefit Services	50 Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid frontline staff	\$849,951
Child Welfare Services	To expand the CASA network into new counties (House addition)	\$250,000
Out of Home Care	Relative caregiver per diem by \$1 (House addition)	\$2,687,860



DFCS Legislation

❖ SB 225 Sen. Larry Walker

- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Family First Prevention Services Act
- Chafee vital records
- Fair Hearings

DFCS Legislation

❖ HB 472 Rep. Bert Reeves (governor's floor leader)

- Allows judges to issue ex parte temporary protective orders
- Requires judges to seek alternatives to removal.



Child welfare legislation by others

- ❖ SB 167 Sen. Matt Brass
- ❖ SB 158 Sen. Brian Strickland
(governor's floor leader)
- ❖ HB 234 Rep. Chuck Efstration
- ❖ HB 197 Rep. Katie Dempsey
- ❖ HB 318/HB 441 Rep. Roger Bruce
- ❖ HB 12 Rep. Rick Williams
- ❖ HB 64 Rep. Brian Prince
- ❖ HB 530 Rep. Bill Hitchens



Questions

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Board Accomplishments to Date

Lunch

TRUE Colors Assessment
DeLaine Hunter

Bylaws Committee Update

Board Member and Committee Updates

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Next board meeting: May 14, 2019