

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION

DRAFT WORK PLAN: AUGUST 2015 -- JANUARY 2015

(Last Updated: 9/2/2015)

"The task force is created to..."	August 11 House	August 25 Senate	Sept 8 House	Sept 22 Senate	Oct 13 House	Oct 27 Senate	November House	December Senate	January House	February 1
Charge 1: Review the efforts made to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force, including a review of roles and functions of the Office of the Ombudsperson for Families	Review of 2015 legislation. Asst. Commissioner Jim Koppel gives preliminary overview of DHS implementation efforts.	Task Force review & discussion on Governor's Task Force Final Report & Recs. DHS review of recs timeline.	DHS provides overview of screening process; timeline for workgroup recs.	Discussion on screening guidelines draft.		Presentation by Office of Ombudsperson. Review of DHS workgroup child protection competencies.	Foster Care Working Group Update. DHS Quality Assurance Reviews Update. Training Update.	Review of DHS statewide training on screening guidelines.	DHS report on formula evaluation.	
Charge 2: Expand the efforts (of the Governor's Task Force) into related areas of the child welfare system							TBD.			
Charge 3: Work with the commissioner of human services and community partners to establish and evaluate child protection grants to address disparities in child welfare*					RFP disparity draft overview.					
Charge 4: Identify additional areas within the child welfare system that need to be addressed by the legislature							TBD.			
Charge 5: Report to legislature and governor (see below)			Discuss report format.							REPORT DUE

"The task force may provide oversight and monitoring of..."	August 11 House	August 25 Senate	Sept 8 House	Sept 22 Senate	Oct 13 House	Oct 27 Senate	November House	December Senate	January House	February 1
1: Efforts by DHS, counties, and tribes to implement laws related to child protection	Preliminary presentation by DHS Asst. Comm. Jim Koppel.	DHS presentation, continued.		Presentations by counties & tribes, as time permits.	Presentations continued.					
2: Efforts by DHS, counties, and tribes to implement the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force		DHS reviews timelines of recs implementation.		Presentations by counties & tribes, as time permits.	Presentations continued.					
3: Efforts by agencies** to work with DHS to assure safety and well-being for children at risk of harm or children in the child welfare system				Presentations by MDE, MHFA, DOC, & DPS, as time permits.	Presentations continued.					
4: Efforts by DHS, other agencies, counties, and tribes to implement best practices to ensure every child is protected from maltreatment and neglect and to ensure every child has the opportunity for healthy development				Presentations by counties & tribes, as time permits.	Presentations continued.					

Notes:

*Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.28: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?year=2015&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=71>

**Including, but not limited to, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Housing Finance Authority, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Report requirements:

- 1) Information on the progress toward implementation of changes to the child protection system
- 2) Recommendations for additional legislative changes and procedures affecting child protection and child welfare
- 3) Funding needs to implement recommended changes