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CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL
UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 • 1:00 p.m. • Room 450 State Capitol

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Approximate
Time Frame

1:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting

1:05 2. Guardian ad Litem Budget

At the Panel's November meeting, the Office of Guardian ad Litem reported on its fiscal year 2013 budget priorities:

- (1) *obtaining funding for one additional guardian ad litem attorney for the Eighth Judicial District, which covers Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties; and*
- (2) *obtaining funding to address the lack of salary parity between guardians ad litem and other government attorneys.*

The Office also reported that it lacks an adequate number of support staff to perform its investigation duties.

The Panel took no action on the Office's budget priorities, but asked the Office to provide additional information on investigations. The Office will report on how investigations could be improved if it had more resources.

- Mr. Rick Smith, Director, Office of Guardian ad Litem
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

1:25 3. Definitions of Abuse and Neglect

At the Panel's November meeting, the Division of Child and Family Services reported that in December it would file an administrative rule to ensure the definitions of abuse and neglect used by the division are consistent with state statute. The division will report on the rule.

- Mr. Brent Platt, Director, Division of Child and Family Services
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

1:35 4. Child Welfare Outcomes and Compliance with Statutory Requirements

The Panel will discuss trends and areas of concern identified by the Office of Services Review annual qualitative case review and annual case process review. The Panel will receive a report from the Division of Child and Family Services on what action has been taken or should be taken to address areas of concern.

- Mr. Brad McGarry, Director, Office of Services Review, Department of Human Services
- Mr. Brent Platt, Director, Division of Child and Family Services
- Public comment
- Committee discussion