

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE
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**OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – June 27, 2023**

OCA Staff: Sarah Eagan, Child Advocate

Members Present: Shelley Geballe, Rudolph Brooks, Toni Boucher, Jennifer Collins, and Edwin Colon

Members Not Present: Jeanne Milstein

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes for the May 23, 2023 meeting. Minutes approved.

2. Budget and Legislative Update

Several OCA recommendations to the legislature passed and will become law. OCA's recommendations related to opioid service delivery analysis and recommendations regarding caregivers with substance use disorder passed (SB 9). HB 6642 requires the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity to convene and lead a working group to develop a Title IX compliance toolkit for use by local/regional BOE's.

The committee discussed legislation that passed regarding creation of re-entry plan for incarcerated children.

The committee discussed that the budget did not include any additional positions for OCA. OCA continues to be strained in terms of resources to meet all of our statutory obligations. Discussed strategies to access funds to support OCA required activities regarding facility investigation and fatality review: grants/donations/graduate student interns.

OCA recommended legislation to reinvigorate the Children's Report Card, which would include progress monitoring structure for child welfare, but this did not pass. The Committee discussed the need for a progress monitoring structure for child welfare system.

3. Investigation Updates

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Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential fatality investigation. All voted in favor.

Executive Session

Discussion regarding confidential information related to Liam.

Following confidential discussion, a motion to return to regular session was made and all voted in favor.

4. Return to Regular Session

Next meeting will be July 25, 2023 at 5:30.