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OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE
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OCA Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes – February 27, 2024

OCA Staff: Sarah Eagan, Child Advocate; Christina D. Ghio, Associate Child Advocate

Members Present: Shelley Geballe, Edwin Colon, Amanda Meeson, and Jeanne Milstein

Members Not Present: Jennifer Collins

Member Note: Rudy Brooks recently resigned from the Committee

1. Approval of Minutes

January meeting minutes reviewed. Correction is needed to add Amanda Meeson and remove duplication of Edwin Colon from Members Present. Motion to approve minutes by Edwin Colon. Second by Shelley Geballe. Jeanne Milstein abstained as she was not present for the January meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes for the January meeting approved.

2. Legislative Update

OCA is working to have legislative recommendations from the report regarding Liam R. enacted into law. Sarah Eagan described various provisions of the bill. OCA is also working on recommendations that the ADPC work on plans for distribution of Naloxone. Sarah Eagan discussed the Colorado model for birthing hospitals to provide Naloxone to new parents. Sarah Eagan discussed several other bills that the office proposed to the committees having cognizance over children, public health, and education.

Jeanne shared the importance of educating the public about the fact that Naloxone is not dangerous to children.

3. OCA Advisory Committee's Annual Evaluation Report

Shelley Geballe has circulated a draft to Advisory Committee Members. Committee members discussed finalization of the draft. Committee members feel it is important that an independent Board have appointment authority. Committee members discussed that the more effective the office is at its work, the more vulnerable it becomes and that is why the recommendation is important. Shelley suggests

approval of the draft and then to provide the report to the appointing authorities. Discussion tabled while Shelley Geballe sends revisions to the Committee for final review.

4. Investigation Updates

Motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential OCA investigations by Jeanne Milstein, seconded by Amanda Meeson. All voted in favor.

Executive Session held.

Motion to end executive session by Jeanne Milstein. Seconded by Edwin Colon. All voted in favor.

5. OCA Advisory Committee's Annual Evaluation Report

Return to discussion of evaluation report. Motion to approve the evaluation report by Edwin Colon, with changes discussed. Amanda Meeson seconded. All in favor. All present vote in favor.

6. Scheduling

Next meeting: March 26, 2024 at 5:30

Meeting Adjourned.