

Opioid Abuse Child Impact Task Force

Meeting 6 – October 14, 2022, 1 PM

1. Welcome & Meeting 5 Recap – Acting Secretary Meg Snead (5 minutes)
2. Review List of Recommendations (1 hour)
 - a. How to document recommendation of Universal Screening for further study
3. Child Ingestions (20 minutes)
 - a. Further information?
 - b. Annual Report – Deputy Secretary Jon Rubin
4. Goal 3 – “other young children” (20 minutes)
 - a. What is the impact of overdose/addiction on other young children?
 - b. What are the recommended interventions?
5. Public Meeting to adopt the report - due by Nov 26th (5 minutes)
6. Public Comment (10 minutes)

GOAL: The task force shall focus on improving the safety, well-being and permanency of substance-exposed infants and other young children affected by their parents' substance abuse disorders.

1. Identifying strategies and making short-term and long-term recommendations to prioritize the prevention of substance-exposed infants.
2. Improving outcomes for pregnant and parenting women who are striving to recover from addiction.
3. Promoting the health, safety and permanency of substance-exposed infants and other young children at risk of child abuse and neglect or placement in foster care due to parental alcohol and drug use.
4. Ensuring that the Commonwealth is compliant with the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (Public Law 93-247, 42 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.) related to identifying substance-exposed infants and is developing multidisciplinary plans of safe care for these infants.