

Opioid Abuse Child Impact Task Force

Meeting 4 – August 15, 2022, 1 PM

1. Welcome & Meeting 3 Recap – Acting Secretary Meg Snead (5 minutes)
2. Housekeeping - Half-way check in (20 – 30 minutes)
 - a. Where do we stand with Task Force Goals?
 - b. Any recommendations thus far?
 - c. Upcoming meetings – do we need to add meetings?
3. Data Discussion (1 hour)
 - a. What is it that we want to know from the data?
 - b. Based on what we want to know, what do we already have access to and what do we need to develop or create?
 - c. Based on what we know would need to be created, what recommendations can this task force make formally?
4. Public Comment (15 minutes)

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, September 19 from 1-3PM

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.