Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Child Services Oversight Committee Protocol

Membership

- The committee shall have the following members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Commission:
 - o 4 members of the Indiana General Assembly, no more than one from each caucus.
 - o Director of DCS or their designee.
 - o Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorney's Council or their designee.
 - o Executive Director of the Public Defender's Council or their designee.
 - o A provider of foster care, residential services, or group home services
 - o 1 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
 - o 1 Juvenile or Family Court Judge.
 - o 1 individual representing kindergarten through grade 12 education.
- All committee members serve at the pleasure of the Commission.
- Committee members are not entitled to reimbursement for mileage or per diem.

Chairperson

- The chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Commission to serve a twoyear term.
- The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson, and at least bi-annually.
- The Commission may make recommendations for topics to the Chair.
- The chairperson shall set the meeting agenda.
- The chairperson may allow public testimony.
- The chairperson shall be responsible for keeping records and meeting minutes.

Duties

- The committee shall meet at least bi-annually to do the following:
 - o Review bi-annual data reports from the Department of Child Services (DCS).
 - o Review annual reports from the DCS ombudsman.
 - o Make recommendations to the Commission on Children.
 - Submit an annual report before June 1st to the Commission on Children.