

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel
FROM: Mark D. Andrews, Research Analyst
DATE: July 17, 2001
SUBJECT: July 19, 2001 Meeting

Sen. Dan Eastman and Rep. Matt Throckmorton have scheduled a meeting of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, July 19, 2001**
TIME: **1:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **Room 416 State Capitol**

A revised agenda is enclosed. If you are unable to attend, please call me or Cassandra Bauman at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Dan Eastman, Senate Chair
Rep. Matt Throckmorton, House Chair

Sen. Gene Davis

Rep. Trisha Beck

Rep. Jack A. Seitz

CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL
Thursday, July 19, 2001, 1:00 p.m. – Room 416 State Capitol
Revised

1:00 **1. Call to Order and Approval of June 22, 2001 Minutes**

1:05 **2. Constitutional Rights and Claims of Parents**

During the 2001 General Session, the Legislature directed the Panel to
 "(h) study actions the state can take to preserve,
 unify, and strengthen the child's family ties
 whenever possible in the child's best interest,
 including recognizing the constitutional rights
 and claims of parents whenever those family
 ties are severed or infringed;" (see U.C.A. §
 62-4a-207(4)(h).)

The Panel's staff will present a legal overview of how courts have
attempted to balance the rights and interests of parents, children, and
the state in child welfare proceedings.

2:00 **3. Defense Counsel and Advocate for Parents in Child Welfare
 Proceedings**

At its May meeting, the Panel received comments from various
professionals in the child welfare system regarding the need for defense
counsel and advocates to represent and assist parents. Judge Pamela
Greenwood, Utah Court of Appeals, as a chair of the Courts Improvement
Committee, will make a presentation to the Panel regarding this important
issue.

3:00 **4. Mental Health Services**

During the 2001 General Session, the Legislature considered, but did not
pass, S.B. 33, "Mental Health Services for Foster and Adopted Children
Task Force." The legislation was prepared by the Panel last interim in
response to the Department of Human Services' proposal to rework the
delivery of mental health services over a two-year period.

The department will report on actions taken to implement the proposal
made last year.

3:50 **5. Other Business**

4:00 **6. Adjourn**