

# **Financing the Future of Child Welfare Meeting Three—August 11, 2006 Stakeholder Summary**

The third meeting of the Task Force for Financing the Future of Child Welfare in Minnesota took place on August 11, 2006. The goal of the group is to:

Recommend a foundation for financing that will at least sustain the current level of services that are available to support child welfare in Minnesota.

## **Meeting Purpose**

Identify and assess design options.

## **Agenda**

- Information sharing
- Review and revise expectations and requirements from last meeting
- Review proposals and suggestions for future financing structure
- Develop an emerging proposal

## **Information Sharing**

A business process flow for child welfare in Minnesota was reviewed and revised. A copy of the diagram is attached.

## **Review and Revise Expectations and Requirements**

Draft requirements from August 1 were reviewed and revised.

## **Options Explored**

- The group explored a variety of options that were submitted by participants.
- Each option was assessed by the group.
- County/tribe, DHS, and information partners met in groups to identify factors from each of the proposal that should be kept and those that should be explored further.
- The group had shared conversation about the findings of each interest group.

## **Emerging Principles**

- Support a Fragile Children's Act.
- Maintain a two-tiered approach funding maintenance of services and innovative action.
- State Financial Participation makes contributions of state, feds, and county/tribe more equitable.
- Performance-based measurements (outcomes and measurement procedures are already in place).
- Commit to prevention and family-based activities.
- Focus on and provide incentives for continuous improvement.
- Provide incentives for counties to work together when appropriate.
- Possibilities to use SSIS for data collection/reporting.

## **Next Steps**

A small group will work out a detailed proposal based on the conversation of the whole. At the next meeting, the group will review and revise that proposal, review draft report, and begin to plan communications and implementation processes.

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