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Date: 9/8/2011 11:30 AM
Subject: Request for agenda item for Nov.

Hi Mike,

There was an article in the Metro Section of the Oregonian this morning about the "2009 abuse and murder of Jeanette Maples, 15 years old". That reminded me that I participated on a CPS Workgroup on JM CIRT last March to make recommendations to DHS Child Welfare regarding Issue #3 in the April 15, 2010 Critical Incident Response Team 60 Day Report on JM. *Issue #3*: *The need to further investigate whether workers are systemically making a child vulnerability determination when screening child abuse reports and/or overrelying upon a child's age as part of their evaluation of child vulnerability in an assessment.* I felt very positive about the recommendations that were proposed at the meetings but haven't heard where they went.

I remember bringing up at the March 9th CWAC meeting that since this particular issue of a "child's age (teen) at screening being part of the child's vulnerability in an assessment" was very connected to the past "teen issues" subcommittee focus that I would appreciate a follow up on the recommendations made. I believe that the response to this request was looking into "how should CWAC deal with CIRT?"

I went on line today and there is no J.M. Final Report, therefore, I would like to* request that at the November 9th meeting you include on the Agenda an update on the recommendations on Issue #3 or if completed the J.M. Final Report. Or at the least have the Future Issues discuss CWAC's relationship to CIRT reports (especially when they are directly connected to CWAC's Work Plan) and bring that back to CWAC for discussion.*

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Thank you for your consideration of my request.
Pam Patton

On Wed, Sep 7, 2011 at 10:19 AM, Pamela J PEARSON <pamela.j.pearson@state.or.us> wrote:

> TO CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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> FROM: Mike Balter, Chair
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> Please note that the September 14 CWAC meeting is canceled due to the fact
> that DHS is unable to have child welfare management available to attend.

- > Because of the OR-Kids implementation and other critical issues, central
- > office child welfare managers have been asked to be available for the Field
- > Program Managers meeting on that day.
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- > Because of the difficulty of finding a different day for a CWAC meeting at
- > short notice, I have decided to cancel rather than reschedule the September
- > meeting. If something arises that needs CWAC attention before the November
- > meeting, it will be handled through email.
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- > CWAC will meet on Wednesday, November 9. And the Future Issues Work Group
- > will meet on October 12 to finalize the November agenda.
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- > Thank you.
- > Mike
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