

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: JOANIE ROGERS, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PERMANENCY PLANNING REVIEW TEAM MEETING  
CHANGES IN CHILD WELFARE MANUAL

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff that the Children's Division policy for Permanency Planning Review Team Meetings (PPRT) has changed. Child Welfare Manual Section 4, Chapter 7, Overview, Subsection 1, Subsection 3, Subsection 4; Section 4, Chapter 8, Overview, Subsection 2, Subsection 4, Subsection 5; Chapter 10, Subsection 1, Subsection 3; Section 6, Chapter 16, Subsection 2.1, Chapter 20, Subsection 3; Section 7, Chapter 1, Chapter 2.

During conversation with our Federal partners, it has been decided the requirement for a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party reviewer every six months can be satisfied through routine court reviews. Family Support Team (FST) meetings are required as outlined in the Child Welfare Manual, Section 4, Chapter 7, Subsection 1. A FST is still required prior to six months from the date the child entered care, and then every six months thereafter for as long as the CD maintains custody.

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS**

Section 4, Chapter 1, Overview  
Section 4, Chapter 7, Overview  
Section 4, Chapter 7, Subsection 1  
Section 4, Chapter 7, Subsection 3  
Section 4, Chapter 7, Subsection 4  
Section 4, Chapter 8, Overview  
Section 4, Chapter 8, Subsection 2  
Section 4, Chapter 8, Subsection 4  
Section 4, Chapter 8, Subsection 5  
Section 4, Chapter 10, Subsection 1  
Section 4, Chapter 10, Subsection 3  
Section 6, Chapter 16, Subsection 2.1  
Section 6, Chapter 20, Subsection 3  
Section 7, Chapter 1, Letter "P"  
Section 7, Chapter 2

**FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

NA

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**

NA

**RELATED STATUTE**

NA