Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida's Office of Early Learning

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6M-4.710 School Readiness Program Curricula

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of revisions to the rule is to create quality assurance, appeals, and updated version review processes within the uniform procedures by which the Office evaluates and approves curricula to be used in the School Readiness Program. The revised process will culminate in the creation of a statewide approved curriculum list that will allow providers to select a curriculum that has been reviewed and determined to meet statutory requirements. Additionally, revisions will assure integrity and accountability are included within the process.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Policies and Procedures for the School Readiness curriculum approval process.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.213(2), 1002.82(2)(1)

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.82(2)(1) FS.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE. TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: December 9, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., EST or upon completion of business, whichever is earlier, and December 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., EST or upon completion of business, whichever is earlier

PLACE: via GoToMeeting only. To register for the workshop, please visit:

http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel_resources/rules_guid ance_technical_assistance/proposed_rules.aspx

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Grant, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Telephone: (850)717-8550. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Molly Grant, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-855, or email: Molly.Grant@oel.myflorida.com

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Not available at this time, but will be made available prior to the workshops on the Office's Website at:

http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel_resources/rules_guid ance_technical_assistance/proposed_rules.aspx

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 33-210.101 Routine Mail

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the amendment is to prohibit inmates of the Department of Corrections from sending or receiving photographs that depict nudity through routine mail.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Department of Corrections routine inmate mail.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 944.09 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 20.315, 944.09 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Adam Stallard, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

33-210.101 Routine Mail.

- (1) through (10) No change.
- (11) Outgoing or incoming mail shall be disapproved for mailing or delivery to the inmate if any part of it:
 - (a) through (j) No change.
 - (k) Contains photographs which depict nudity;

(<u>1)(k</u>) Contains criminal history, offender registration, or other personal information about another inmate or offender which, in the hands of an inmate, presents a threat to the security, order or rehabilitative objectives of the correctional system or to the safety of any person;

 $\underline{\text{(m)(1)}}$ Contains an advertisement promoting any of the following where the advertisement is the focus of, rather than incidental to, the publication, or the advertising is prominent or prevalent throughout the publication.

1. through 4. No change.

(n)(m) Is not in compliance with incoming mail regulations set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this rule (incoming mail only);

(o)(n) Contains or appears to contain unknown or unidentifiable substances; or

(p)(o) Otherwise presents a threat to the security, order, or rehabilitative objectives of the Correctional System, or to the safety of any person.

(12) through (22) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09 FS. Law Implemented 20.315, 944.09 FS. History–New 10-8-76, Amended 10-11-77, 4-19-79, 11-19-81, 3-12-84, 10-15-84, Formerly 33-3.04, Amended 7-8-86, 9-4-88, 3-9-89, 9-1-93, 9-30-96, 5-25-97, 6-1-97, 10-7-97, 5-10-98, Formerly 33-3.004, Amended 12-20-99, Formerly 33-602.401, Amended 12-4-02, 8-5-03, 10-27-03, 9-20-04, 3-23-08, 7-2-09, 5-9-10, 12-5-12, 4-1-13, 7-8-14,

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 33-302.109 Offender Orientation

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect is to insert a subsection in Rule 33-302.109, F.A.C. that is currently in Rule 33-302.108, F.A.C. (which is being repealed), to modify certain Forms, and to incorporate the Spanish-language version of two Forms that are already incorporated in Rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Community corrections, with particular regard to sex offenders.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 944.09, 948.09 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 20.315, 944.09, 945.31, 948.09 FS. IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Adam Stallard, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

33-302.109 Offender Orientation.

- (1) through (2) No change.
- (3) The correctional probation officer shall instruct on and review the information contained in the Notice of Privacy Practices, Form DC3-2006 or Form DC3-2006S (Spanishlanguage version). Form DC3-2006 is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies of this form are available from the Forms Control Administrator, Office of Research, Planning and Support Services, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500.

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-

<u>XXXX</u>. The effective date of this form is ______ July 30, 2003. Form DC3-2006S is hereby incorporated by reference.

Copies of this form are available from the Forms Control Administrator, Office of Research, Planning and Support Services, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500,

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-

XXXX. The effective date of this form is ... The correctional probation officer and the offender shall sign and date Form DC3-2006 or Form DC3-2006S, Notice of Privacy Practices, certifying that the offender has received a copy of the privacy notice. The current telephone number of the department's privacy officer will be inserted at this time. The original executed Form DC3-2006 or Form DC3-2006S shall be placed in the offender file and a copy shall be provided to the offender.

- (4) No change.
- (5) Driving Log for Sex Offenders If the court or releasing authority imposes a condition of supervision requiring maintenance of a driving log and a prohibition against driving a motor vehicle alone without the prior approval of the supervising officer, the officer shall:
- (a) Instruct the sex offender to complete entries on the Driving Log, Form DC3-244, or Form DC3-244S (Spanish-language version), for each travel occurrence when the sex offender is driving, either alone or when accompanied by someone. The sex offender shall choose either Form DC3-244 or Form DC3-244S and use that form to the exclusion of the other form for as long as the sex offender uses a driving log. Form DC3-244 is hereby incorporated by reference. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Forms Control Administrator, Office of Research, Planning and Support Services, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500.

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-

XXXX The effective date of this form is June, 2002. Form DC3-244S is hereby incorporated by reference. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Forms Control Administrator, Office of Research, Planning and Support Services, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500, http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-

XXXX. The effective date of this form is July, 2002.

(b) The sex offender shall submit all completed Driving Logs, Form DC3-244, or Form DC3-244S, to the supervising officer at least once a month. The completed driving logs will be maintained in the offender file.

Rulemaking Authority 944.09, 948.09 FS. Law Implemented 20.315, 944.09, 945.31, 948.09 FS., 45 CRF Part 160, 164. History–New 7-19-01, Amended 9-15-02, 7-30-03, 1-6-04, 1-11-05, 12-30-12.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64-4.010 Standards for Inspections of Dispensing

Organizations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish standards for inspections of dispensing organizations.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Dispensing

Organization Inspections

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 381.986 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 381.986 FS.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE. TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: December 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PLACE: Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Room 301, Tallahassee, Florida

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Courtney Coppola at (850)245-3420. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Courtney Coppola at the contact information above

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Osteopathic Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B15-14.012 Optional Informed Consent for Cataract

Surgery

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the development of a rule amendment to incorporate a revised form into the Board's rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Incorporation of the revised optional informed consent form for cataract surgery.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 459.026 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 459.026 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Osteopathic

Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Architecture and Interior Design

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G1-21.001 Continuing Education for Interior Designers PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to clarify continuing education requirements for interior designers.

SUMMARY: Continuing education requirements will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 481.2055 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 481.211 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Thomas Campbell, Executive Director, Board of Architecture and Interior Design, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0750

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61G1-21.001 Continuing Education for Interior Designers.

- (1) Each interior designer in Florida shall <u>complete a minimum</u> be required to reestablish the interior designer's professional knowledge and competency in conformity with this rule by the completion of 20 contact hours of continuing professional education per biennialum period, as defined in (2) below. This requirement shall be met through either:
- (a) Programs approved by the Board, provided that a minimum of two (2) of the 20 required contact hours must be obtained by completing an approved provider's specialized or advanced course(s), approved by the Florida Building Commission, on the Florida Building Code, relating to the interior designer's respective area of practice; or
- (b) Submission of proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements of another state in which the interior designer is licensed, provided that the requirements of the other state equal or exceed the completion of 20 contact hours in a two year period, be that the education build upon the basic knowledge of interior design, and require that a minimum of two (2) of the 20 required contact hours be obtained by completing an approved provider's specialized or advanced course(s), approved by the board and Florida Building Commission, on the Florida Building Code, relating to the interior designer's respective area of practice.
- (2) The initial and each succeeding biennial reestablishment period, also known as "Renewal Cycle," shall mean a period of time consisting of two, 12-month years at the end of which the interior designer renews his/her license. The renewal cycle for an interior designer's license begins each odd-numbered year on March 1 and continues for two consecutive years until February 28 of the next odd-numbered year. At the time of licensure renewal, an interior designer will attest to completing 20 hours for the prior renewal cycle, shall begin on February 28 of the year that the interior designer is licensed if that year is an odd numbered year or the next odd numbered year if the interior designer is licensed in an even numbered year, and end on February 28, two years thereafter.

Rulemaking Specific Authority 481.2055 FS. Law Implemented 481.215(3), (4), (5), (6) FS. History–New 11-29-90, Amended 9-2-92, Formerly 21B-21.001, Amended 5-4-97, 4-12-04, 12-13-04, 7-14-05,

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Architecture and Interior Design

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Architecture and Interior Design DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 9, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 6, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Architecture and Interior Design

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G1-24.002 Continuing Education Approval of Subjects

and Providers

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to incorporate updated handbook.

SUMMARY: The updated handbook will be incorporated into the rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.2177(4), 455.2179, 481.215(4) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 481.215(4) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Thomas Campbell, Executive Director, Board of Architecture and Interior Design, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0750

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61G1-24.002 <u>Instructions, Applications and General Information for Architecture</u> Continuing Education <u>Approval of Subjects and Providers.</u>

The <u>requirements for and</u> approval of continuing education courses and providerships is covered in-depth by the Board's publication "Architecture Continuing Education Handbook

Instructions, Applications and General Information for Architecture Continuing Education" ("the Handbook") (2015 2012), which is hereby incorporated by reference, effective October July, 2015 2012, a copy of which may be obtained from http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02061 or the Board office. The Handbook contains three forms for use with the booklet. The applicant shall submit the applicable form, (DBPR AID 4003/Revised October July 2015 2012), Education Architecture Continuing Provider/Course Application, (DBPR AID 4003-Part A/Revised October July 2015 2012), Architecture Education Course Evaluation Summary Form, or (DBPR AID 4003-Part B/Revised October July 2015 2012), Provider Course Evaluation Summary Form, which are hereby incorporated by reference, effective October July 2015 2012, copies of which may be obtained from the Board office. The Board office is located at 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0751.

Rulemaking Authority 455.2177(4), 455.2179, 481.215(4) FS. Law Implemented 481.215(4) FS. History—New 1-17-96, Amended 10-8-96, 1-11-00, 10-16-08, 3-7-10, 12-27-12,

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Architecture and Interior Design

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Architecture and Interior Design DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 9, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 6, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Podiatric Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B18-11.002 Examination for Licensure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to update the name of the accepted examination and to clarify that passage of all parts of the examination is required for licensure.

SUMMARY: The approved examination for licensure will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at

its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.017, 461.005 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.017(1)(c) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B18-11.002 Examination for Licensure.

The Board adopts the national examinations administered under the auspices of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, including Part I, Part II and Part III the PMLexis Examination, as the examination for licensure in Florida, provided that the applicant for licensure has taken and passed all parts of the examination the PMLexis Examination.

<u>Rulemaking</u> Specific Authority 456.017, 461.005 FS. Law Implemented 456.017(1)(c) FS. History–New 1-29-80, Formerly 21T-11.02, Amended 10-14-86, 11-27-89, 6-19-90, 10-9-90, 4-1-91, Formerly 21T-11.002, 61F12-11.002, Amended 1-1-96, 7-9-96, Formerly 59Z-11.002, Amended 5-13-99, 3-9-08,

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 23, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 6, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

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RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
65C-28.001	Definitions
65C-28.002	Visitation
65C-28.003	Medical Treatment
65C-28.004	Placement Matching Requirements
65C-28.005	Changing Placements
65C-28.006	Permanency Staffings
65C-28.007	Voluntary Licensed Out-of-Home Care
65C-28.009	Adolescent Services
65C-28.010	Minor Parents in the Custody of the
	Department
65C-28.011	Criminal, Delinquency and Abuse/Neglect
	History Checks for Relative and Non-
	Relative Placements
65C-28.012	Home Studies for Relative and Non-Relative
	Placements
65C-28.013	Indian Child Welfare Act
65C-28.014	Behavioral Health Services
65C-28.015	Residential Mental Health Treatment
65C-28.017	Exit Interviews
65C-28.018	Meeting the Child's Educational Needs
65C-28.019	Normalcy

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department of Children and Families intends to amend several rules within Chapter 65C-28, Out-of-Home Care, to implement legislative changes; implement the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008; implement the care of children; quality parenting; "reasonable and prudent parent" standards established in Florida Statute 409.125; clarify the Department's role and responsibility in documenting information in the State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS); add language to ensure children's educational needs are met; and align language to adhere to the Florida Safety Decision-Making Methodology business model. SUMMARY: The amendments clarify placement matching requirements; incorporate a "Partnership Plan"; require parental notification of any placement change and the reason for the placement change; add a time limit on voluntary medical licensed out-of-home care and specifies conditions of return; for children age 13 and older, require that case plans include programs and services which will help prepare the child for independent living and require monthly discussions regarding life skill needs; repeal language duplicative of statute; incorporate an "Other Parent Home Assessment"; add a rule regarding meeting children's educational needs and permitting homeschooling; and add a rule regarding normalcy and the "reasonable and prudent parent" standard.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase

directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 39.012, 39.0121, 39.0138, 39.307, 39.407, 39.4091, 39.5075, 39.5085, 394.4781, 394.9082, 409.145, 409.1451, 409.165, 409.175, 743.0645 FS. LAW IMPLEMENTED: 39.0132, 39.0137, 39.0138, 39.0139, 39.307, 39.401, 39.402, 39.407, 39.4085, 39.4091, 39.501, 39.504, 39.506, 39.5075, 39.5085, 39.521, 39.522, 39.6011, 39.6012, 39.6035, 39.621, 39.624, 39.701, 39.811, 394.4781, 394.4785, 394.479, 394.495, 394.9082, 409.145, 409.1451, 409.165, 409.401, 409.996, 743.064 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jodi Abramowitz. Jodi can be reached at Jodi.abramowitz@myflfamilies.com or (850)717-4189

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65C-28.001 Definitions.

All definitions for this rule are located in Rule 65C-30.001, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(3), (6), (7), (12), (13), 39.407(1), 39.5085(2)(a), (d), 394.4781(3)(c), <u>394.9082</u> <u>409.401</u> FS. Law Implemented 39.001, 39.01, 39.012, 39.401(3), 39.407, <u>39.6011, 39.601, 39.407</u>, 39.5085, 39.521, 39.701, 394.9082, 409.165(1), 409.401 FS. History–New 5-4-06. <u>Amended</u>

65C-28.002 Family Time Visitation

(1) Family Time Visitation between a Child in Out-of-Home Care and Parents.

(a) Family Time Visitation between the child and the child's parents shall occur in accordance with court orders and setting such visitation as reflected in the case plan and safety plan. If at any time, the safety of the child can not be assured, precludes family time visitation, the visitation shall be

suspended <u>for up to 72 hours</u> and the <u>D</u>department or contracted service provider shall <u>contact Children's Legal Services to determine what steps will be taken to modify family time. immediately, not to exceed 72 hours, request a court hearing to address the issue vitstaiton. <u>Family time Visitation</u> between a child and parents may only be limited or terminated by order of the court, which shall be reflected in the case plan. There shall be a specific reason provided to the court for recommending no visitation or less than monthly visitation.</u>

- (b) The Department or contracted service provider shall arrange for family time when the child or parent is out of the home. The family time plan details will be addressed and included in any child safety plan established.
- (c) When a child welfare professional or designee either supervises or is a part of a visit, the activities and interactions between the child and parent during the visit shall be documented in FSFN within 48 hours of the visit.
- (a) Minimally, monthly visitation between the child and parents shall be recommended to the court consistent with the case goal unless it is deemed not feasible or not in the best interest of one or more of the children concerned.
- (b) If monthly visitation between the child and parents is not recommended to the court, the court shall be advised of the reasons for the recommendation. When there is a recommendation of no visitation or less than monthly visitation because it is not in the best interest of the child, the court shall be provided documentation of the reason. This documentation shall also be recorded in the case.
- (c) If the court orders particular locations, times, or conditions for visits, such orders shall be followed until modified by the court.
- (d) If the court does not order particular locations, times, or conditions for visits, the Services Worker shall ensure that all visits between children and parents occur in a neutral and protected setting. To the extent possible, visitation shall occur in a home like setting and , unless unavoidable, not in an institutional setting or office. However, the safety of the children being visited shall always be the primary consideration.
- (e) Visitation between a child in out of home care and the child's parents may be arranged by the caregiver if the caregiver is willing and able and the court approves. If the caregiver is unwilling or unable to assume this responsibility, visitation between the child in out of home care and that child's parents shall be arranged and supervised by the Services Worker, other designated staff, a visitation center or a court approved third party, unless the court has approved unsupervised visitation.
- (2) Visitation among Siblings. The <u>child welfare</u> <u>professional responsible for the case</u> <u>Services Worker</u> shall ensure that separated siblings under supervision maintain <u>visitation</u> <u>in person contact</u> unless the visitation would <u>be</u>

<u>contrary to eompromise</u> the safety or well-being of <u>any of the children either child</u>. Sibling visitation shall only be limited or terminated by order of the court, which shall be reflected in the case plan.

- (a) Weekly in person visitation between separated siblings shall be recommended to the court unless it is deemed not feasible or not in the best interest of one or more of the children concerned.
- (b) If weekly in person visitation between separated siblings is not recommended to the court, the court shall be advised of the reasons for the recommendation. When there is a recommendation of no visitation or less than weekly visitation because it is not in the best interest of the child, the court shall be provided clinical documentation of those reasons. Whenever no visitation or less than weekly visitation is recommended, the reasons shall be documented in the case file.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(13) FS. Law Implemented 39.0139. 39.001(1)(k), 39.402(9), 39.4085(15), (16), (20), 9.4086(2)(g), 39.504(3)(b) 5., 39.506(6), 39.521(1)(d)2., (3)(b)1., (d), 39.701(2)(6)(a)7., (2)(c)6 39.701(7)(e), (8)(d), 39.811(7)(b), 39.822(1) FS. History– New 5-4-06. Amended

65C-28.003 Medical Treatment.

- (1) If a child in out-of-home care appears to be suffering from illness or injury requiring medical intervention, the <u>child</u> welfare professional, upon notification, Services Worker or the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver shall take the child to the child's health care provider for a health care screening or treatment. If there is a medical emergency or an urgent need for medical attention, the child shall be taken to the nearest available health care provider or hospital. See subsections 65C 28.004(7) and (9), F.A.C., regarding requirements when placing children with special medical needs or communicable diseases.
- (2) Ongoing health care and treatment provision shall include physical, dental and vision examinations as required by Chapter 59G-4, F.A.C., "Medicaid Services."
- (a) If a child is Medicaid eligible, these services shall be sought first obtained through Medicaid providers. If a child is not Medicaid eligible, or if a Medicaid provider is not available or appropriate, then necessary services shall be obtained using other providers. these services shall still be provided.
- (b) If the <u>child welfare professional responsible for the case services worker or CPI</u> receives a notice for a scheduled <u>c</u>Child <u>h</u>Health <u>c</u>Check-up, he or she shall <u>send</u> immediately <u>send</u> copies to the child's custodial parent, the child's <u>licensed out-of-home caregiver foster parent</u>, or relative or non-relative caregiver <u>and the child's guardian ad litem</u>, if appointed. Information pertaining to the child's health check-up shall be documented in FSFN within 48 hours after the check-up by the child welfare professional responsible for the case.
- (3) The parents shall remain financially responsible for the medical care and treatment of a child in out-of-home care when

that medical care and treatment is not covered by Medicaid. For children who are not covered by Medicaid but have private insurance coverage, the child welfare professional Services Worker and the out-of-home caregiver shall cooperate with the child's health insurance provider in identifying medical providers that will accept the insurance coverage. Unless the child is Medicaid eligible, the parent is responsible for payment in all situations in which the child receives a medical examination or treatment, irrespective of the parent's consent to such examination or treatment. However, the inability or failure of the parent to meet this payment responsibility shall not delay the receipt of a medical exam or treatment. The financial responsibility of the parent ends when parental rights are terminated.

- (4) Whenever possible, the caregiver, in cooperation with the parent shall select a primary health care provider who accepts Medicaid and is an enrolled Medicaid provider. When the county public health clinic is the child's primary health care provider, the Services Worker shall assist the caregiver in transferring the child's care to the county public health clinic nearest to the caregiver's residence.
- (5) The Services Worker and licensed caregivers shall receive training in regard to and comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act which provides procedures regarding the management and protection of personal health information. The Services Worker shall inform relative and non-relative_caregivers regarding the requirements of HIPAA.
- (4)(6) Required Actions to Gain Medical Consent at Time of the Shelter Hearing Removal. At the time of removal, the Child Protective Investigator (CPI) shall ask the parents to provide written consent for ordinary medical treatment or medication. If the parent is unable or unwilling to give such consent, then Tthe Children's Child Welfare Legal Services attorney shall request ask at the shelter hearing for a blanket court order authorizing the custodian, as named in the order, to give consent for ordinary medical treatment and medication on an ongoing basis. No consent is needed for treatment or medication rendered in the event of an emergency as documented by the attending physician.
- (5)(7) Consent for Medical Care of Children in Out-of-Home Care When Parental Rights Have Not Been Terminated. There are three types of medical care and treatment_a; each of which requires its own method to obtain consent for medical treatment. This may include a relative or non-relative who has been granted custody by the court. The attending physician shall determine the type of care needed.
- (a) Ordinary Medical Care and Treatment. After a child is adjudicated dependent, the contracted service provider may delegate authority to consent to ordinary medical care and treatment to the out-of-home caregiver if the child remains in

- the custody of the \underline{D} department. A court order placing the child in out-of-home care should specify individuals who are authorized to consent to ordinary medical care and treatment for the child.
- (b) Extraordinary Medical Care and Treatment. If the health care provider determines that an illness or injury requires medical treatment beyond ordinary medical care and treatment, but is not an emergency, the express and informed consent of the child's parent for the treatment shall be sought. If a parent provides express and informed consent for any extraordinary medical procedure, the form and content of the consent shall be as directed by the prescribing health care professional.
- 1. If the parent is unavailable, unwilling or unable to provide informed consent for the proposed medical care, the child welfare professional CPI or Services Worker shall consult with the medical provider to determine if the treatment should be required. If the parent is unavailable or unable to provide informed consent for the proposed medical care or Iif consultation with the medical provider results in a determination that the treatment should be required, to ensure that the medical care is obtained, the child welfare professional CPI or Services Worker shall seek and obtain an order of the court authorizing the treatment prior to the treatment being rendered. The prescribing health care professional will be directed by Section 394.459(3), F.S., in the form and content of the express and informed consent. In cases when the child is prescribed psychotropic medications, procedures established in Section 39.407(3), F.S., will be followed.
- 2. If a court order is required to obtain authorization for any extraordinary medical procedure, the following information, at a minimum, shall be included in the request for a court order:
- a. Present diagnosis and known past medical interventions for the treatment of this condition;
- b. A statement that the prescribing health care professional has reviewed all medical information concerning the child that has been provided;
- c. The name and requested administration range for any medication requested;
- d. A statement recommending the proposed procedure signed by the attending physician:
- e. An analysis of the risks and benefits of the prescribed treatment for the particular child;
- f. Alternatives to the treatment being recommended and the rationale for selecting the particular treatment recommended; and
- g. Interventions other than the extraordinary medical care and treatment that are or shall be ongoing in conjunction with the care and treatment.
- (c) Emergency Medical Care and Treatment. Although parents shall be involved whenever possible, obtaining consent is not required for emergency care and treatment. If the

emergency care and treatment is provided without parental consent, the <u>child welfare professional CPI or Services Worker</u> shall ensure the parent and the guardian ad litem, if appointed, are notified <u>no later than 48 hours</u> as soon as possible after the treatment is administered. The child's case file shall contain a statement signed by the attending physician that the situation was an emergency and the care was needed to ensure the child's health or physical well-being. The case file shall also contain documentation that the parent and guardian ad litem, if appointed, were notified as soon as possible after the treatment was administered. If the parents are unable to be located aAll attempts to <u>locate and</u> notify parents shall be documented in the child's case file.

(6)(8) Consent for Medical Care for Children in the Custody of the Department when Parental Rights Have Been Terminated.

- (a) Ordinary and Emergency Medical Care and Treatment. When a child is placed in the custody of the <u>D</u>department following the termination of parental rights, the <u>D</u>department or contracted service provider shall provide consent for ordinary medical care or emergency care of the child. The <u>child welfare professional responsible for the case Service Worker</u> shall provide documentation of <u>the their</u> consent for the ordinary medical <u>care or emergency care condition</u> and document in <u>FSFN</u>. the child's case file. When a child has received emergency medical care or treatment, the child's case file shall contain a statement signed by the attending physician that the situation was an emergency and the care was needed to ensure the child's health or physical well-being.
- (b) Extraordinary Medical Care and Treatment. When a child is placed in the custody of the <u>Ddepartment</u> following the termination of parental rights, the <u>Ddepartment</u> or contracted service provider shall not provide consent for extraordinary medical care or treatment. Authorization for the extraordinary medical care or treatment shall be obtained by the <u>Ddepartment</u> or contracted service provider from the court. Notification to the parent is not required when parental rights have been terminated; however, the guardian ad litem, if appointed, shall be notified.
- (9) Consent for Children in the Custody of Relatives or Non Relatives When Parental Rights Have Been Terminated. The ability of the relative or non relative to provide consent to treatment when the child is placed in the custody of the relative or non relative and the parental rights of the child have been terminated shall be as determined in the court order placing the child with the relative or non relative.
- (7)(10) Required Documentation for Medical Care and Treatment.
- (a) During the initial removal or no later than the first court proceeding thereafter, the <u>child welfare professional</u> responsible for the case <u>CPI or Services Worker</u> shall request

the following information from the child's parents, family members, other caregivers, or health care providers: medical history of the child; medical history of the child's family and medical consents from the child's parent or guardian. This information shall be <u>placed</u> used in developing the Child's Resource Record.

- (b) All actions taken to obtain medical history and parental consent for medical screening, treatment, medications or immunizations shall be documented in FSFN and a copy provided to the out-of-home caregiver for placment in the Child's Resource Record the child's case file. If parental consent is received, a copy of the "Consent for Treatment and Release of Medical Information", CF₂ FSP 4006, October 2005 September 2000, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.dcf.state.fl.uc/dcfforms, shall be placed in the child's case file and a copy provided to the caregiver for placement in the Child's Resource Record, as defined in 65C-30.001, F.A.C.
- (c) A copy of any court orders authorizing treatment shall be <u>documented in FSFN</u> included in the case file., and a second copy provided to the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver for placement in the Child's Resource Record.
- (d) Documentation of Aany notification provided to parents or others regarding a child's medical treatment shall be documented in FSFN.

(8)(11) Notification of parents. The <u>child welfare</u> <u>professional CPI or Services Worker</u> shall ensure that the child's <u>eustodial</u> parent is notified <u>within 48 hours as soon as possible</u> following any medical treatment of the child where the parent was not involved in providing consent for the treatment. Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(6),(12), (13), 39.407(1), 743.064, 743.0645 FS. Law Implemented 39.407, 743.064 FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.004 Placement Matching Requirements.

(1) Appropriate placement matching begins prior to the the child's placement. When a child unable to be placed with a parent, tThe most appropriate available out-of-home placement shall be chosen after analyzing the child's age, gender sex. sibling status, special physical, educational, emotional and developmental needs, alleged type of abuse, neglect or abandonment, community ties and school placement, and potential responsible caregivers that can meet the child's needs. The child welfare professional responsible for the case shall gather information about the child and document it in the appropriate section of the child's FSFN record. In making a placement with a relative or non relative, the Services Worker shall consider whether caregiver would be a suitable adoptive parent if reunification is not successful and the caregiver would wish to adopt the child. For children who are not U.S. citizens, see subsection 65C 30.007(17), F.A.C., for the actions required to promote the establishment of the child's legal immigrant status under specified circumstances.

(2) The child welfare professional responsible for the case shall complete the Unified Home Study to determine whether a relative or non-relative is responsible and capable of meeting the child's needs. When a child is unable to placed with a relative at the time of initial placement, the Department or contracted service provider shall seek to identify persons with an established relationship with the child for consideration before placing the child in a licensed out-of-home care placement setting. When a child enters care and has a sibling that has been previously adopted or is in an adoptive placement, the adoptive parents of the sibling shall be contacted and, if interested, considered for placement.

(3)(2) Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C.A. § 671(a)(18) P.L. 103 3821, and the Interethnic Adoption Provisions of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, P.L. 104-188, 110 Stat. 175 104-108. These federal laws require that every placement decision for children in the care or custody of the Delepartment be made without regard to the race, ethnicity, color, or national origin of the child or the adult with whom the child is to be placed. The selection and placement of a child into an initial or subsequent licensed foster care placement shall not be delayed or denied on the basis of the race, color, or national origin of the caregiver or the child.

(3) The McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires that all homeless children, including children placed in an emergency shelter and continuing in out of home care while awaiting foster care placement, to have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as other children. This requires that efforts be made to continue the child's education in the school of origin for the duration of the removal episode unless the child is placed in another school district or out-of state. The Child Protective Investigator (CPI) at time of removal or Services Worker following case opening shall arrange for this continuation by contacting the school of origin and notifyingnotify it of the need for transportation services to and from the school.

(a) Efforts shall be made to continue the child's attendance in the school of origin whether the placement in shelter occurs between academic years or during an academic year.

(b) Continuing efforts shall be made to maintain the child's attendance at the school of origin for the remainder of the academic year if the child is subsequently placed by the court in foster care or in a relative or non relative placement during an academic year.

(c) When a child is dissatisfied with a failure to allow him or her to remain in the school of origin, he or she shall be assisted by the CPI or Services Worker to access the federally required dispute resolution process. This may be accomplished by the CPI or Services Worker following through with the

dispute resolution process personally, handing the duty over to another agency employee, or referring the child to a pro bono attorney.

(4) In the case of an American Indian or Alaskan Native child, placement shall comply with the provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. 25 U.S.C. §1901 et seq. including the placement preferences mandated in the Act and working in partnership with the child's tribe in exploring appropriate placement options. If there is an existing written agreement between the Department and the child's tribe, compliance with the placement guidelines established in that agreement will be maintained, except upon mutual written consent of the Department and the tribe to deviate from the established guidelines (see Rule 65C-28.013, F.A.C.).

(5) When the case plan goal is reunification, the child shall be placed in a setting in as close proximity as possible to the caregiver with whom reunification is planned. If the child is not placed within close proximity to the caregiver with whom reunification is planned, all efforts made to place the child within close proximity shall be documented in FSFN.

(6) When a concurrent case plan is in effect, the child shall be placed in a setting where the caregivers are willing to both assist the biological family in successfully completing required tasks, which shall allow for the safe return of the child to his or her home, and be willing to provide a long term, permanent and stable living arrangement in the event that reunification is not achieved. In the event that reunification is not an option, all efforts shall be made to find an adoptive placement for the child as expeditiously as possible if adoption is the goal of the case plan.

(6) When a child is placed in licensed out-of-home care, the child welfare professional responsible for the case shall:

(a) Review with the out-of-home caregiver the care and supervision needs of the child;

(b) Provide the licensed out-of-home caregiver the Child's Resource Record. The Child's Resource Record from previous placement(s) shall be reviewed with the out-of-home caregiver upon the child's new placement. The child welfare professional responsible for the case shall discuss with the licensed out-of-home caregiver the caregiver's role in maintaining and updating the Child's Resource Record.

(c) Sign a copy of the "Partnership Plan for Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care," CF-FSP 5226, January 2015, incorporated by reference and available at www.dcf.state.fl.uc/dcfforms, and obtain a signature of the out-of-home caregiver, attesting acknowledgment of the requirements at time of placement.

(d) Place the "Partnership Plan for Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care" in the child's case record.

(7) Placement of Children with Special Physical, Medical, Emotional, Educational or Developmental Needs.

- (a) When an assessment identifies that the child has special physical, medical, developmental, educational or emotional needs, the child shall be placed in an environment that is the most appropriate and least-restrictive setting where those needs can be met. The child welfare professional responsible for identifying the placement or placement staff shall document in FSFN all efforts made to secure the most appropriate placement.
- (b) Regardless of the results of a specialized special needs assessment, Tthe child welfare professional responsible for the case CPI or Services Worker shall provide the child's assessment and results immediately notify to the child's custodial parent, the child's foster parent or relative or non-relative out-of-home caregiver, Children's Legal Services attorney, and the child's guardian ad litem, if appointed.
- (c) The <u>child</u> welfare professional responsible for the <u>case</u> <u>CPI or Services Worker</u> shall document in <u>FSFN</u> the <u>case file</u> any notification provided to parents <u>and or</u> others regarding a child's <u>special needs</u> assessment and <u>results</u>, any referrals <u>for assessments and any referrals</u> made as a result of <u>the</u> assessment results.
- (d) Whenever a special need is suspected, the child's parents and the guardian ad litem shall be notified as soon as possible.
- (d)(e) When a special need is recognized Prior to placement outside of the home, the person making the placement shall explain to the out-of-home caregiver describe to the placement unit the special needs of the child that must shall be met by the placement.
- (e)(f) Whenever a special need is suspected, the <u>child</u> welfare professional responsible for the case CPI at time of removal or Services Worker following case opening shall take steps within three working days to address the <u>need(s)</u> need. Actions that shall be taken include, as appropriate:
- 1. If the suspected special need is a mental health or substance abuse related disorder, determine if the child has had a CBHA within the last year. If the child has not had a CBHA within the preceding twelve months and the disorder suspected is a mental health or substance related disorder as defined in the DSM IV R, ensure that a referral for a CBHA is made within three working days of notification of the suspected need.
- 2. If the special need suspected is not a mental health or substance abuse related disorder, ensure that an appointment is made to screen the child by his or her primary care physician or appropriate medical personnel for determination of the child's needs. If an educational need, ensure that a referral is made to the child's school for further assessment.
- 13. If the child is suspected or identified as needing medical foster care having a medical special need, the child shall be referred to the local Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT) within five (5) business days. If the CMAT

- refers the child for medical foster care services, the <u>child</u> <u>welfare professional</u> Services Worker or other designated staff shall coordinate with the Medical Foster Care program in the local area regarding arrangements necessary to meet the child's needs. Services shall be coordinated and provided in accordance with the Medical Foster Care Statewide Operational Plan, April 2014, incorporated by reference and available at http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-
- Kids/providers/documents/MFCPlan.pdf. This plan is an interagency agreement between the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health's Children's Medical Services program and the Agency for Health Care Administration.
- <u>24</u>. If the child is suspected or identified as having a developmental delay or condition, <u>a referral for an assessment and any documentation to support the need for developmental services shall be obtained and eligibility for developmental services shall be <u>obtained by the child welfare professional responsible for the case</u> applied for as soon as the need is recognized.</u>
- <u>35</u>. If there is any potential that a child may qualify for social security survivor benefits, social security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income due to disability, the <u>child welfare professional CPI or Services Worker</u> shall ensure that an application is made for the benefits on behalf of the child and documented in FSFN.
- 4. If the child is suspected or identified as having a mental health issue, a referral for an assessment shall be obtained by the child welfare professional responsible for the case.
- <u>56.</u> The child welfare professional shall exprovide necessary support to the <u>parent and out-of-home</u> caregiver in participating in the assessment or medical evaluation process.
- (f)(g) When a disability is determined and a need for services is identified, the child welfare professional person making the placement shall:
- 1. Provide the results of the assessment or medical examination to the placement authority as soon as possible, for review of placement options;
- 2. Coordinate the transfer of information between the caregiver, the physician, and the placement unit; and
- 3.<u>a</u>Arrange <u>for services for the child or supports for the out-of-home caregiver.</u> any change in placement for the childnessitated by the determination.
- (8) Placement of Children with Special Educational Needs.

 (a) If a child is identified in any assessment or suspected of having special education needs, the Services Worker_shall ensure that the child's school has been notified of such educational needs.
- (b) If, prior to entry in out of home care, a child has been determined to have such needs, the CPI or Services Worker, as

appropriate, shall inform the child's school officials that the child has entered out of home care.

- (c) The Services Worker shall refer the child for appointment of a surrogate parent when the need for a surrogate parent is identified in accordance with Rule 6A 6.0333, F.A.C. Placement of the child shall take into account the caregiver's willingness and ability to participate in the child's educational plan. The following conditions apply when determining if there is a need for a surrogate parent appointment:
- 1. The requirements for the need for a surrogate parent as set forth in Rule 6A 6.0333, F.A.C., are met.
- 2. Students with disabilities who are living with relatives may be represented in educational meetings by the relative as long as the relative meets the requirements for a surrogate parent as set forth in paragraphs 6A 6.0333(1)(a) (e), F.A.C.
- 3. Students with disabilities living in family foster homes do not require a surrogate parent. Licensed out of home earegivers meet the definition of "parent" under Section 1000.21, F.S.
- 4. Students with disabilities living in group care settings or with non licensed non relatives require a surrogate parent unless one of the child's parents desires to represent the child in regard to his or her special educational needs. The operators and staff of group care facilities other than family foster homes may not serve as surrogate parents.
- 5. Services Workers and other department or contracted service provider staff shall not serve as surrogate parents for children whom they serve.
- (8)(9) Placement of Children with Communicable Diseases.
- (a) The preferred out-of-home placement for a child with a communicable disease who is exhibiting symptoms related to such disease is with a relative or non-relative or in a licensed out-of-home setting with caregivers specifically trained for such purpose.
- (b) When it is necessary for infants born of mothers suspected or known to have communicable diseases to undergo medical treatment or testing immediately after birth, the <u>Delepartment</u> or contracted service provider shall obtain either parental consent or a court order in an expeditious manner, to allow the medical treatment to go forward. If a court order will be necessary, <u>Children's Child Welfare</u> Legal Services shall be contacted immediately after the birth in order to expedite court involvement.
- (c) When a child who has such a disease and is asymptomatic but exhibiting behaviors likely to increase the risk of transmission of the disease to others, such as biting, spitting or the exchange of blood or semen, the child shall be placed, whenever possible, in a home where no other children are present, until the child is medically cleared or the child's behavior no longer poses a threat. When a placement in a home

where no other children are present is not available, all efforts to secure such a placement shall be documented in FSFN.

(d) Confidentiality of Records. The following written statement shall be provided to the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver or provider: "This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by state law. State law prohibits you from making any further disclosure of such information without the specific written consent of the person to whom such information pertains, or as otherwise permitted by state law."

(9)(10) Placement of Children Who Are Victims of Sexual Abuse.

(a) When a child is a known identified as a victim of sexual abuse and needs to be placed in out-of-home care, the child welfare professional responsible for the case CPI or Services Worker shall take actions to ensure that the needs of the child for emotional safety and recovery are addressed and that precautions are taken in regards to the safety of other children in the same setting in the event the child exhibits problematic sexual behavior. ensure that the following safeguards are implemented.

(b)4. The caregiver shall be is given detailed and complete information. This information shall include, but is not limited to, the date of the sexual abuse incident(s), the type of abuse, the nature and history of the child's relationship to the perpetrator, a brief narrative of the event, the type of treatment the child received and the outcome of the treatment.

- 2. The caregiver is able to access a Services Worker or other contracted service provider employee if assistance is required.
- 3. In partnership with the caregiver, the CPI or Services Worker shall outline a plan of care to handle any special management issues identified in the child's history and assessment. The plan of care shall include the following:
- a. Placing the sexually abused child in a private bedroom until the child becomes better known to the caregivers unless the child's treatment provider indicates a private bedroom is not appropriate
- b. Limiting access to the child's bedroom by establishing and enforcing ground rules regarding who is allowed to visit whose bedroom and under what conditions;
- c. Establishing rules regarding bathroom use, including that one family member at a time uses the bathroom with the door fully closed, unless a child requires assistance or cannot use the bathroom by his or her self;
- d. Establishing an age appropriate dress code that outlines the type of clothing acceptable, where such clothing is acceptable and with whom present, such as not walking around the house in underwear; and
- e. Establishing reasonable guidelines concerning appropriate physical boundaries the manner and extent of the

expression of affection between the child and others as well as guidelines with respect to which persons may be left alone together, and under what circumstances.

(b) When placing a child who has been a victim of sexual abuse in out of home care, a written safety plan shall be completed by the person making the placement and the out of home caregivers, and signed by the same.

(c) If any child in out of home care has been identified as being a victim of sexual abuse, but has not had a clinical consultation with a professional trained in treating child sexual abuse, a referral shall be initiated by the person making the placement or his or her supervisor within three working days of the child being so identified. The consultation shall address the treatment, service and placement needs of the child and shall yield a written report to be included in the child's file.

(10)(11) Placement of Children With Behaviors That May Result in Harm Who Are Alleged Juvenile Sexual Offenders, Exhibiting Sexually Inappropriate Behaviors or Who Are Sexually Reactive.

(a) When it is necessary to place a child who is known to have any behaviors that may result in harm, the person making the placement shall implement safeguards to ensure that the needs of the child for supervision, treatment and interventions are addressed and that the safety of other children in the same setting is ensured. The child welfare professional responsible for the case shall document the safeguards in the child's behavior management plan.

(a) When it is necessary to place a child who is an alleged juvenile sexual offender, and is exhibiting or has exhibited sexually inappropriate behaviors, or who is sexually reactive, the person making the placement shall:

1. Complete the case transfer forms or <u>G</u>ather like information, including information related to the child's abuse history; previous assessments or evaluations; support services; forensic/disclosure interviews; placement; and complete and detailed information regarding the child's own sexual behavior.

2. Ensure that the child is the youngest child placed in the home unless the placement is a treatment facility with adequate video monitoring. When matching a child exhibiting sexually abusive or reactive behaviors to a substitute care placement, consideration shall also be given to factors that increase the vulnerability of other children living in the home, such as mental and/or emotional disability, physical disability, chronic illness and physical size.

(b)3. The person making the placement shall pProvide the caregivers with written, detailed, and complete information regarding the circumstances surrounding the child's abusive/reactive behavior so that they can avoid any unwitting replication of those circumstances. Information given to caregivers shall include, but is not limited to, the dates of all known incidents; the nature of the relationship between the

child and victim; the types of behavior exhibited; a brief narrative outlining the event; the types of treatment <u>needed or</u> provided and <u>any current</u> treatment outcomes.

4. Ensure that the caregiver has access to a CPI or Services Worker or other contracted service provider employee during night and weekend hours in the event emergency assistance is required.

5. In partnership with the caregiver, outline a written safety plan to handle any special issues identified in the child's history and assessment. The safety plan shall be preventive in nature and be signed by the Services Worker and the caregiver. The safety plan shall include the following:

a. Placing a child who has exhibited sexually abusive or reactive behaviors in a private bedroom unless the placement is a facility with adequate video monitoring;

b. Limiting access to the child's bedroom;

c. Establishing rules regarding bathroom use;

d. Establishing a dress code; and

e. Establishing reasonable guidelines concerning the manner and extent of the expression of affection between the child and others, as well as guidelines with respect to which persons may be left alone together and under what circumstances.

(b) If any child in need of or currently in out of home care has been identified as being sexually abusive toward others, but has not had a clinical consultation with a professional trained in the assessment of juveniles who exhibit sexually inappropriate behaviors, a referral to a clinician with such qualifications shall be initiated by the within three working days of the child being so identified.

(c) If an incident of either sexual assault, seduction, sexual exploitation or of child on child sexual abuse occurs in out of home care, a safety plan shall immediately be developed. The safety plan shall be preventive in nature and be signed by the Services Worker and the caregiver.

1. Consideration shall be given to the safety of all children residing in the placement.

2. If any child remains in the home, the Services Worker and any assigned therapists shall determine if immediate services are needed to stabilize or support the child involved or the placement in which he or she lives.

3. Both the alleged offender and victim shall, within three working days of the child being so identified, be referred to the appropriate mental health provider, for assessment if they do not already have therapists. Any alleged offender who has a therapist, but has not been assessed by a clinician qualified to assess juveniles exhibiting sexually inappropriate behaviors, shall be referred to such a qualified clinician within three working days of being notified of the incident.

(11)(12) Therapeutic Foster Care. The <u>child welfare</u> <u>professional Services Worker</u> shall contact the <u>agency designee</u>

for behavioral health services Single Point of Access (SPOA) in the district/region or zone for consultation in accessing services and treatment at levels appropriate to the severity of the child's condition, including which includes possible placement in a therapeutic foster care setting.

(13) Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care. The referral guidelines for specialized therapeutic foster care are contained in the current edition of the Florida Medicaid Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, March 2014, which is incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4.050 59G-4.080, F.A.C.

(12)(14) Medicaid Fair Hearing Requirements. When a child or family has had Medicaid funded services denied, suspended or terminated, the <u>child welfare professional CPI or Services Worker</u> shall assist the child or family in requesting a fair hearing. The <u>current edition of the Florida Medicaid Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook addresses Fair Hearing Notices. Refer to Rules 65-2.042-.069, F.A.C., regarding the conduct of fair hearings.</u>

(13)(15) These placement matching requirements apply to both initial placements and to any subsequent placements of the child

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(2), (6), (12), (13), 39.307(7), 39.5075(8), 409.145(5) FS. Law Implemented 39.001(1)(d), (m), 39.01(7), (17), (48), (63), (67), (71), 39.307(1)(b), 39.402, 39.407, 39.4085(6), (7), (9), (10), (17), (23), 39.5075, 39.522, 409.145(2), 409.996(12), FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.005 Changing Placements.

- (1) Except in emergency situations or when ordered by the court, the child's parents, licensed out-of-home caregivers and the gGuardian ad lLitem or aAttorney ad lLitem, if appointed, shall be given at least two (2) weeks notice prior to moving a child from one out-of-home placement to another and the reason a placement change is necessary. In emergency situations, a change of placement can be made immediately. The child welfare professional Services Worker shall within 72 hours inform the child's parents, Children's Legal Services child, family, and the gGuardian ad lLitem or aAttorney ad lLitem, if appointed, of the move and the reasons an emergency placement change was necessary.
- (a) Parental notification of any placement changes shall be documented in FSFN.
- (b) If the parent(s) is unable to be located, efforts to locate and notify the parent shall be documented in FSFN.
- (2) The <u>child welfare professional</u> <u>Services Worker</u> shall prepare the child for a move and support the child during the replacement process. <u>The Services Worker shall:</u>
- (a) Assess the suitability of the placement as set forth in Rule 65C 28.004, F.A.C.;

- (b) Ensure that the new caregivers, if relative or non-relative, have met all of the requirements of Rules 65C 28.011 and 65C-28.012. F.A.C.:
- (c) Prior to the change in placement, inform the child, family, child's attorney, as well as the guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem, if appointed, of the move and the reasons a placement change is necessary.
- (d) The Services Worker shall make efforts to continue the child's education in the school of origin for the duration of the removal episode unless the child is placed in another school district or out of state. In this regard, the Services Worker shall meet the requirements of subsection 65C 28.004(3), F.A.C.
- (3) The <u>child welfare professional Services Worker</u> shall provide supportive services to the caregiver where the child is residing to avoid a change in placement when possible. When a placement is in danger of disrupting, the <u>child welfare professional Services Worker</u> shall urge the caregiver to wait, when appropriate, to request removal of the child until <u>all reasonable efforts can be made to remedy the reasons for the child's instability. When efforts to stabilize a placement have not been successful or there are circumstances that preclude the child's continued stay, the child welfare professional will work with the caregiver to reach agreement on a move date that takes into consideration the following needs of the child:</u>
 - (a) There is an appropriate break in the school year; and
- (b) An appropriate alternative placement can be located; and -
- (c) Arrangements for the child's transition to the new setting can be made and implemented.
- (4) The caregiver at the new placement shall be prepared and informed prior to placement of the child and shall be given needed support to help the child transition and achieve stability strengthen and maintain the child's placement. Out-of-home caregivers shall be given all relevant information about the child in their care while maintaining confidentiality requirements. Specifically, the child welfare professional Services Worker shall:
- (a) Inform the caregiver of all identified needs of the child and of the need to obtain services for those needs;
- (b) Discuss any training the caregiver may need to care for the child, including any special needs of the child and possible reactions to the specific trauma that the child has experienced;
- (c) Discuss any services that the child may need and the role of the out-of-home caregiver with regard to transportation, participation in treatment sessions, communication with treatment provider(s) and potential implementation of treatment recommendations in the home;

(d)(b) Inform the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver about available programs that may provide financial and medical assistance for the child;

(e)(e) Provide the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver with counseling and information regarding the dependency process and support services available in the community;

(f)(d) Review with the licensed <u>out-of-home</u> caregivers their roles and responsibilities according to the "Partnership Plan for Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care," incorporated in Rule 65C-28.004(6)(c), F.A.C. The child welfare professional shall sign a copy of the Partnership Plan and obtain a signature of the licensed out-of-home caregiver, attesting acknowledgment of the requirements at time of placement Bilateral Service Agreement; and

(g)(e) Provide to the <u>licensed out-of-home</u> caregiver the Child's Resource Record. The Child's Resource Record from the previous placement(s) shall be reviewed with the <u>licensed out-of-home</u> caregiver upon the child's new placement. The <u>child welfare professional Services Worker</u> shall discuss with the <u>licensed out-of-home</u> caregiver the caregiver's role in maintaining and updating the Child's Resource Record.

(f) Notify parents whose whereabouts are known when the child is moved to another placement.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(3), (12), (13), 409.145(5), 409.165(3) FS. Law Implemented 39.0132(4), 39.407(5), 39.522, 409.145(6), 409.165(4) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.006 Permanency Staffings.

- (1) Permanency staffings shall be held:
- (a) When preparing for a permanency hearing; and
- (b) As the <u>D</u>department or contracted service provider deems necessary.
- (2) A family team meeting or conference may be used to achieve the purposes of a permanency staffing.
- (3)(2) The appropriateness of When there are concurrent goals, shall be evaluted at an early decision making evaluation shall be part of each permanency staffing.
- (4)(3) At a minimum, <u>T</u>the following persons shall be invited, at least ten working days in advance, to attend:
- (a) <u>Children's</u> <u>Child Welfare</u> Legal Services <u>(CLS)</u> (CWLS) attorney;
 - (b) Child's out-of-home caregiver:
 - (c) Guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem, if appointed;
 - (d) Child's surrogate parent, if one is appointed;
- (e) Appropriate Cease management staff, including the child's child welfare professional Services Worker and his or her supervisor;
- (f) The school foster care liaison or other appropriate school representative;

(f)(g) Other service providers who are involved with the family and are determined by the child welfare professional Services Worker to have information pertinent to the issue of permanency;

(g)(h) The child's parents, if available; and

(h)(i) The child, depending on his or her age, maturity level, and ability to effectively participate in the staffing, as determined by the child welfare professional Services Worker.

(5)(4) The child welfare professional shall document in FSFN efforts made to provide the child an opportunity to participate. If a parent, his or her attorney or the Guardian ad Litem, if appointed, does not attend the permanency staffing, the department or contracted service provider shall hold other conferences, meetings or staffings where these parties shall be provided an opportunity to participate in the case planning process with other stakeholders. The case documentation shall provide evidence that such opportunities have been provided.

(5) If a child is able to understand the purpose of the meeting and could actively participate but does not attend the permanency staffing, the department or contracted service provider shall hold other conferences, meetings or staffings where the child is provided an opportunity to participate in development and discussions regarding the permanency plan. The case documentation shall provide evidence such opportunities have been provided.

(6) The standard for recommending the child's reunification with the parents shall be based on whether the parents have substantially complied with the case plan and whether the adjudicated risk of harm to the child has been remediated to the extent the child can safely return home. At any time it is determined this standard has been met, regardless of the time since the previous permanency hearing or other court hearing, the Services Worker shall notify the CWLS attorney who shall take the matter before the court.

(6)(7) Follow-up actions from the staffing shall be documented in and placed FSFN in the child's record. The child welfare professional child's Services Worker and his or her supervisor shall ensure that all follow up tasks are completed and the recommendations from the staffing, details of all services provided since the last review and any recommended changes of the permanency goal are recorded in the Judicial Review Social Study Report (JRSSR) and reported to the court.

(7)(8) Staffings shall occur with sufficient time to write Aa comprehensive JRSSR draft, which shall be provided to CLS CWLS at least 10 business ten working days prior to the judicial review hearing. CLS CWLS shall review the draft report for legal sufficiency and, if corrections are necessary, return the draft report to the child welfare professional within eight (8) business days prior to the judical review hearing shall make all necessary corrections. Corrections to the JRSSR shall be completed in order with sufficient time to provide copies to all parties at least 72 seventy-two hours prior to the hearing. Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13) FS. Law

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13) FS. Law Implemented 39.407(6)(5)(g)3., 39.521(1)(b)3., (e), (d), 39.701(2), (3), (4) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.007 Voluntary Licensed Out-of-Home Care.

- (1) Voluntary <u>Non-Medical Licensed Out-of-Home Care.</u> <u>Licensed Placement.</u>
- (a) Before accepting a voluntary <u>non-medical licensed</u> placement, the <u>community-based care lead agency shall ensure</u> a thorough review is done on the circumstances of the child and <u>family including</u>: <u>Services Worker shall conduct a thorough assessment of the circumstances</u>.
- 1. The assessment shall include identification of the family's strengths and weaknesses, Aan evaluation of whether the family's current situation is temporary in nature and the shall provide a basis upon which a mutual decision regarding the child's short-term placement out of the home can be made.
- 2. A history of the family shall be reviewed, including prior abuse reports and prior out-of-home episodes, prior to considering a voluntary placement.
- 3. A child shall not be accepted for voluntary placement unless current circumstances clearly indicate an out-of-home care placement of <u>90 days</u> three months or less is anticipated and no dependency issue exists.
- (b) The <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker shall begin <u>immediately</u> to identify available social, physical health, mental health, educational, and other support services within the community that would enable the parent, guardian or relative to adequately provide for the child's care.
- (c) The <u>child welfare professional</u> <u>Services Worker</u> shall, prior to considering placement in out-of-home care, assist the family in using and coordinating available services <u>effectively</u>, including the identification of relatives <u>and non-relatives</u> able to care for the child.
- (d) The <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker shall provide for the child's educational stability by determining if the child should remain in his or her current school during the time of the placement.
- (2) Voluntary Medical <u>Licensed</u> Out-of-Home Care. If a child's medical <u>complexity</u> <u>eondition</u> is such that the parent is unable to provide or arrange for necessary care for the child and the <u>D</u>department or contracted service provider has determined the child would benefit from out-of-home care, the parent may apply for voluntary placement in licensed medical out-of-home care. Voluntary medical placement is contingent upon:
- (a) The child having medical needs identified and <u>eligible</u> <u>for</u> medical foster care <u>as determined</u> recommended by the Children's Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT). Once medical foster care has been recommended, the Services Worker shall coordinate with the Medical Foster Care program in the local area regarding arrangements necessary to meet the child's needs; and
- (b) <u>It appears that the conditions necessitating the voluntary placement can be resolved and reunification with the voluntary placement can be resolved and reunification with the</u>

- parent or legal guardian can occur within 180 days. Vacancies in existing medical foster homes and the capacity of an available home to meet the needs of the child as determined by the medical out of home care program.
- (3) Once medical out-of-home care has been recommended, the child welfare professional shall coordinate with the Medical Foster Care program in the local area regarding arrangements necessary to meet the child's needs.
- (4)(3) Return of Child. When a parent or other legal guardian custodian requests in writing the return of a child in voluntary licensed placement, the child shall be immediately released once it has been verified the person requesting custody of the child:
- (a) Is the same person who placed the child into voluntary placement; or is a person authorized by the person who placed the child into voluntary placement to receive custody of the child; and
- (b) Has resolved the conditions that led to the voluntary placement; and
- (c)(b) Appears to present no risk of harm to the child. If there appears to be a threat, the child shall not be released and the Department or contracted service provider shall seek a judicial determination at a shelter hearing. Services Worker shall take the steps necessary to protect the child. The child welfare professional Services Worker shall immediately report allegations to the Florida Abuse Hotline.
- (5)(4) Voluntary Placement Agreement. When the child is placed into licensed out-of-home care voluntarily, the parent or; legal guardian or relative requesting the placement and the Delepartment or contracted service provider shall enter into a written "V-voluntary P-placement Agreement," CF-FSP 5004, October 2005, incorporated by reference and available at www.dcf.state.fl.uc/dcfforms. which at a minimum shall specify:
 - (a) The child's date of birth;
- (b) The rights, obligations and responsibilities of the parent, relatives, legal guardian, child, and the department or contracted service provider during the time the child is in placement, including the parent's child support responsibilities;
- (c) The conditions under which the agreement would be breached, modified, or terminated; and
- (d) The parent's, legal guardian's or relative's right to revoke the agreement and to request that the child be returned home or be placed in the home of a relative.
- (6)(5) Timeframes for voluntary licensed out-of-home length of stay.
- (a) A child voluntarily placed <u>in non-medical licensed out-of-home care</u> may not remain in out-of-home care on a voluntary basis beyond <u>90 ninety</u> days unless the <u>Regional Managing Director</u> <u>District/ Region or Zone Program Administrator</u>, <u>community-based care lLead aAgency</u>

Executive Director, or a designee has determined the specific circumstances of a child or family necessitates continued placement beyond 90 days three months and has given written authorization for continuance. However, a child may not remain voluntarily placed beyond 180 days.

- (b) If a child placed voluntarily in non-medical licensed out-of-home care remains in care beyond 90 ninety-days, a judicial hearing shall take place within the first 180 days and the resulting court order shall include a judicial determination that the continued placement is in the child's best interest and that reasonable efforts have been made to reunify the family. This judicial determination shall occur within 180 days of the voluntary service agreement.
- (6) Requests for Court Action. When parents, legal guardian or relative who requested the placement request their child be returned to them from a voluntary out of home care placement, the child shall be released unless the department or contracted service provider seeks relief from the court. If the department or contracted service provider opposes or otherwise objects to the release of the child or reunification of the family, a judicial determination at a shelter detention hearing, shall be obtained.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13) FS. Law Implemented 39.01(14)(e), 39.402(15), 39.701(1) (d) (3)(f) FS. History—New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.009 Adolescent Services.

- (1) Independent Living services and life skills services include a comprehensive array of services are available to eligible children and young adults. adolescents in the custody of the department and young adults who were in the custody of the department at the time of their eighteenth birthday. Independent living services consist of Extended Foster Care, the Road to Independence Program, either through Postsecondary Education Services and Support or Aftercare Services, pre independent living services, and life skills development services, and subsidized independent living (SIL) services for children in the <u>legal</u> custody of the <u>D</u>department. Children in the custody of the department who are receiving independent living services remain subject to the requirements of case plans and judicial reviews until permanency is established. Aftercare Support Services, the Road to-Independence Scholarship and Transitional Support Services available for young adults who were in the custody of the department on their eighteenth birthday.
- (a) For a child age 13 or older who is in the care and custody of the Department and in licensed out-of-home care, the child welfare professional shall include in the case plan a written description of the programs and services which will help the child prepare for the transition from living in out-of-home

care to living independently and who is to provide the programs and services.

- (b)(a) Older children in foster care who have disabilities or mental health needs shall be provided with an equal opportunity to participate in the continuum of independent living services. Though a youth who has a physical, emotional or learning disability may need additional support, he or she still is eligible for all independent living services from the program.
- (c)(b) To ensure the equal participation of these youth, the child welfare professional Services Worker shall identify older foster children with disabilities or mental health needs and assist them with reasonable accommodations for their disabilities.
- (2) Children age thirteen up to age eighteen are eligible for independent living services from the time of placement in shelter status with the department.
- (3) Goal Setting. Beginning at age fourteen, upon entering ninth grade or upon entering licensed out-of-home care past the age of fourteen, whichever occurs first, each child in licensed out of home care, with the assistance of his or her foster parents and the Services Worker, shall set early achievement and career goals for the child's post secondary educational and work experience as required in Section 409.1451(3)(b)1., F.S.
- (a) The process shall be child centered, and any staffings related to the child's post_secondary or career goals, shall include the child, and shall be held in a time and place convenient to the child, taking into account the child's school and work schedule.
- (b) If the child is enrolled in the Exceptional Student Education program, such goal setting shall be coordinated with the school and agree with the Individual Educational Plan transitional plan.
- (c) The case plan shall be written simply and clearly in English and, if English is not the principal language of the child, to the extent possible a copy of the case plan shall be prepared in the language of the child.
- (2)(4) Independent Living Skills Staffings. Staffings for Cehildren Aage 13 and Oolder who are in an Oout-of-Hhome Pplacement. The child welfare professional shall have at a minimum monthly discussions with the out-of-home caregiver and child to address life skills needs and the out-of-home caregiver's responsibility to provide for the life skills needs. The child welfare professional shall document discussions with the out-of-home caregiver and child monthly in FSFN are held periodically to develop plans for meeting the identified needs of these children.
- (a) <u>Life skills</u> <u>Every Independent Living staffing</u> shall <u>include</u>, at a minimum, address the following topics:
- 1. The child's educational and work goals, including the child's progress and any obstacles the child is facing. -, If the

- child is enrolled in the Exceptional Student Education program, such goal setting shall be coordinated with the school;
- 2. What life skills the child needs and the child's progress toward developing needed already identified skills;
- 3. The SIL program, including program requirements and benefits.
- <u>34</u>. The Road to Independence program <u>and Extended</u> <u>Foster Care</u>, including program requirements and benefits, <u>and</u> the tuition fee exemption, and the Bright Futures Program;
- 5. Permanency arrangements, including the child's wishes regarding adoption ,
- $\underline{46}$. For children age 17, the child's plans for living arrangement after age 18 and the life skills services that may need to be continued past age $18\frac{1}{2}$, and
- <u>5</u>7. Any other identified obstacles and needs the child has with regard to Independent Living.
- (b) Every Independent Living staffing shall meet the following requirements:
- 1. The Services Worker shall attend the staffing. The Services Worker's supervisor, Child Welfare Legal Services, the child, the child's caregiver, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's attorney, if the child is so represented, shall be invited to attend the staffing. The independent living service provider and any other individuals significant to and familiar with the child, including family members likely to be involved with the child after the child leaves foster care shall also be invited.
- 2. The child shall be encouraged to invite any adults who are important in the child's life.
- 3. The staffing shall be conducted in and with a language the youth can understand or, if needed, through a translator, and the process shall be child centered.
- 4. The staffing shall be held in a time and place convenient to the child, taking into account the child's school and work schedule.
- 5. The Services wWorker shall be responsible for inviting the child's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem to the staffing.
- (b)6. Information on from the pre Independent Living the child's life skills development assessment and all Independent Living staffings shall be included in the written report submitted to the court for each judicial review.
- (5) Pre Independent Living (Age 13 but not yet 15 years of age).
- (a) These services include but are not limited to life skills training, educational field trips and conferences.
- (b) Each child in the custody of the department shall be referred for independent living services thirty days prior to his or her thirteenth birthday. A child placed in the custody of the department after his or her thirteenth birthday shall be referred

- within thirty days after the court enters an order placing the child in the custody of the department.
- (e) Each child in the custody of the department shall receive a pre independent living assessment within thirty days after his or her thirteenth birthday. A child placed in the custody of the department after his or her thirteenth birthday shall be assessed within sixty days after the court enters an order placing the child in the custody of the department. The results of the assessment shall be filed with the court and served on all parties.
- 1. The assessment for a child thirteen to fifteen years of age shall be conducted through the use of a pre independent living assessment tool; review of the file; review of other assessments and evaluations, including educational, psychological and psychiatric evaluations; personal observation and interviews with any person who is familiar with the child and can be helpful in the assessment process.
- 2. The Services Worker shall discuss the results of the assessment with the child and caregiver and shall use the results to determine the training and services needed for the child to begin learning skills necessary for success and self sufficiency in the future.
- 3.The pre independent living assessment shall be used to determine the child's strengths and needs. The Services Worker shall ensure that the child's identified needs are met. Life skills can be taught through instruction and interaction with the out of home caregivers or group care staff through contracted services, referrals to community providers, one on one coaching and group learning sessions. The child may also be able to learn some of the needed skills in the public school curriculum.
- 4. For every needed skill, the Services Worker shall document in the child's case file who is to help the child develop that skill and the timeframe in which the child will receive the training. It is the responsibility of the Services Worker to ensure the child receives all needed life skills training.
- (d) Children in out of home care shall be fully informed when making decisions about educational options, including high school participation choices and college or vocational school entrance requirements. Possible rewards and consequences of the available options shall be presented to the child.
- 1. The Services Worker shall encourage the child to choose and achieve realistic goals.
- 2. The Services Worker shall discuss with the child his or her potential limitations, including physical, emotional, and behavioral limitations. The child shall not be told that a career or educational option is unavailable unless an explanation is given and ways to overcome perceived obstacles are explored.

- (e) During contacts with the child time shall be dedicated to evaluating progress in learning the skills identified through the assessment process as well as to educate the child and the caregiver about available independent living services.
- (f) Staffing. In addition, the department shall conduct an annual staffing for children who are thirteen and fourteen years of age and meet the requirements for these staffings as contained in Section 409.1451(4)(a), F.S.
- (6) Life Skills Services (Age 15 but not yet 18 years of age).
- (a) Life skills services include but are not limited to, independent living skills instruction on training including training to develop banking and budgetingskills; parenting skills; educational support; employment training and counseling.
- (b) Life skills services shall be designed to meet the child's needs as identified in the independent living skills assessment. A child with developmental disabilities, mental health needs or other special needs shall be identified and services shall be tailored to meet the child's needs.
- (c) A referral for life skills services shall be submitted within thirty days of a child's fifteenth birthday and an age appropriate independent living skills assessment completed within thirty days after the child's fifteenth birthday. If the child is fifteen years of age or older when placed in the custody of the department, a referral and an independent living skills assessment shall be submitted within thirty days after the court enters an order placing the child in the custody of the department. If a child was previously referred for independent living services, only an additional independent living skills assessment shall be completed and submitted.
- (d) The results of the assessment shall be discussed with the child and caregiver and be used to determine the training and services needed for the child to continue learning skills necessary for successful transition to adulthood.
- (e) The independent living assessment shall be used to measure life skills development progress for a child who was administered a pre independent living assessment and also to determine each child's strengths and needs. The Services Worker shall ensure that the child's identified needs are met. The needed skills may be taught through instruction and interaction with the out-of-home caregivers or group care staff, through contracted services, referrals to community providers, one on one coaching and group learning sessions. The child may also be able to learn some of the needed skills in the public school curriculum. For every needed skill, the Services Worker shall document in the child's case file who is to help the child develop that skill and the timeframe in which the child will receive the training. It is the responsibility of the Services Worker to ensure the child receives all needed life skills training.

- (f) Staffing. Pursuant to Section 409.1451(4)(b), F.S., the department shall conduct a staffing at least once every six months for each child in licensed out-of-home care who has reached fifteen years of age but is not yet eighteen years of age.
- (i) The case plan for children in out of home care who are age sixteen and seventeen shall include appropriate independent living and transitional services—and shall be filed with the court and served on all parties.
- (g) Assessment at Seventeen Years Old. Pursuant to Section 409.1451(4)(b), F.S., during the month following his or her seventeenth birthday, each child in licensed out of home care shall be provided an independent living assessment, separate and distinct from the previous independent living assessment, to determine the child's skills and ability to live independently and become self sufficient regardless of his or her permanency goal. Based on the results of this assessment, expedited and age appropriate services and training shall be provided in order for the child to develop the necessary skills and abilities prior to his or her 18th birthday. This final assessment shall be used to measure life skill development progress.
- 1. The assessment for a child seventeen years of age shall be conducted through the use of an independent living assessment tool; review of the file; review of other assessments and evaluations, including educational, psychological and psychiatric evaluations; personal observation and interviews with any person who is familiar with the child and can be helpful in the assessment process.
- 2. Based on the results of this assessment, the Services Worker, in conjunction with the youth, shall update the life skills plan to ensure that the youth receives all skills training needed before the child's 18th birthday.
- 3. If, based on the results, the child will most likely need additional life skills training and services after age 18, the Services Worker shall include a staff member from the unit handling post emancipation services in order to ensure a smooth continuum of services.
- (h) Information from the independent living life skills assessment and all staffings, including an enumeration of the services provided and an assessment of the youth's progress toward developing independent living skills, shall be included in the written report submitted to the court for each judicial review.
- (i) The case plan for children in out of home care who are age sixteen and seventeen shall include appropriate independent living and transitional services and shall be filed with the court and served on all parties.
- (7) Subsidized Independent Living (SIL) (Age 16 but not yet 18 years of age).
- (a) Subsidized Independent Living provides an opportunity for teenagers in foster care to receive a subsidy and other

supports from the department in order to live in a setting that is not required to be licensed. Participants learn to pay their own bills and live on a budget while still under the supervision of a contracted service provider and the courts.

(b) Youth Eligibility for Subsidized Independent Living. In order to be approved to live in a subsidized living arrangement, a youth must meet the following criteria as required by Section 409.1451, F.S.:

1. Age. Must be 16 or 17 years of age and not yet reached their 18th birthday (Section 409.1451(4)(e)2., F.S.). At minimum, the youth's parents and the court must be notified that a placement in Subsidized Independent Living has been made. It must be noted that, in some cases, the department or Community Based Care (CBC) agency may choose to gain approval from the court or the youth's parents prior to placement in Subsidized Independent Living and while this is acceptable, it is not required under law or these guidelines.

2. Legal Status. Must be adjudicated dependent, as defined in Chapter 39, F.S. and have been in custody of the department, at least 6 months prior to entering subsidized independent living, with a goal of either adoption, long term licensed care or independent living (Section 409.1451(4)(c)2.a., F.S.). The 6 months in department custody do not have to be immediately preceding placement in SIL and can accumulate over the youth's lifetime.

(c) According to Section 409.1451(4)(c)2.b., F.S., the youth must be able to demonstrate independent living skills. The following criteria are ways that the youth can demonstrate these skills, but exceptions to some of these criteria may be allowed by the District Administrator, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Based Care agency (CEO of the CBC) or Independent Living Coordinator with approval of the District Administrator or CEO of the CBC with consideration of the youth's safety and best interests:

1. Employment or Extra curricular activities. Must be employed at least part time earning a minimum of \$100.00 per month or be involved in extra curricular activities as deemed appropriate by the Independent Living Coordinator. These extra curricular activities may include but not be limited to: participation on sports teams, cheerleading squads, school bands, internships, school advisory boards or any other beneficial activity that would be important to the youth's personal development but would also limit the youth's ability to obtain employment.

2. Savings. Must have sufficient earned savings or other means to pay move in and first month's living expenses, until the first subsidy check arrives. The youth may submit a statement that includes the projected move-in cost and proof of available resources to meet these costs.

3. Education. Must be enrolled in a full time educational program. Full time is defined as: regular attendance at high

school, at least 12 credit hours per semester at an accredited college or university, or full time as defined by the GED/Vocational Technical program which the youth is attending.

4. Grades. Must maintain adequate progress as determined by the school or educational program.

5. Assessment. Assessment of Skills by completion of curriculum determined by the independent living coordinator. Should indicate that living in an unlicensed setting with minimal supervision is potentially viable. The youth must be able to articulate and demonstrate their ability to perform certain skills as determined by the Independent Living Coordinator.

6. Behavior. Participants in the Subsidized Independent Living program are expected to exhibit responsible behavior. Prospective participants who have displayed irresponsible behavior, such as running away from home, committing violent acts toward others, delinquencies, or property crimes, within six months of requesting entrance into the Subsidized Independent Living program must be strictly evaluated to determine whether SIL placement is in their best interest and if they are at risk of exhibiting future irresponsible behaviors. Letters of reference from school, mental health personnel, foster parents, Services Workers and Department of Juvenile Justice should be requested if there is a history of irresponsible behavior.

7. Staffing/Approval. Staffing and approval by the department or CBC independent living coordinator. The coordinator must approve the youth's living arrangement, including the cost and selection of a roommate, if applicable. The safety of the youth is a paramount consideration. Youth and Services Worker must attend the staffing which the independent living coordinator chairs. The Services Worker must invite the youth's parent (if parental rights are still intact and at the youth's discretion) to the staffing and any other persons involved or important to the youth, such as guardian ad litem, teachers, therapists, relatives and mentors.

(d) Dependent youth in custody of the department with disabilities are eligible for this program and may not be deemed ineligible from this program on the basis of the disability, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title II. Though a youth with a disability may need additional supports from other organizations or agencies such as Developmental Services, Mental Health or Vocational Rehabilitation, the youth is still eligible for any and all services offered in the independent living program, including subsidized independent living. Reasonable accommodations must be provided to insure that each youth has access to the services provided by the program. Transitional staffings should be initiated by the Services Worker, with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, adult and children's mental health services or other programs, on dual clients on or before the youth's 17th

birthday. If the youth requires continued supported living, a written plan must be in place by the youth's 18th birthday in order to transition youth from foster care and/or SIL to another supported living program.

(e) Program Instructions.

- 1. Parental Notification. The Services Worker, at minimum, must notify the parents of any youth placed in a subsidized independent living arrangement no longer than ten days after the placement has been made, unless parental rights have been terminated. It is preferred that this notification is in writing, but, at minimum, any attempts at notification must be entered into the HomeSafenet chronological notes. The Services Worker must NOT reveal the youth's physical address to the parent unless written permission is provided by the youth.
- 2. Subsidized Independent Living Agreement. A written agreement must be developed between the youth and the department or CBC prior to the beginning of SIL. The agreement must be reviewed and updated annually, but more frequently as needed. The agreement must include, at a minimum:
- a. A description of the youth's educational program, school or college,

including start date, ending date and educational goals.

- b. The youth's responsibilities, including and not limited to regular attendance and/or completion of life skills training, submission of payment stubs from work monthly or report from an official conducting the youth's extracurricular activities that verifies continued involvement, and verification of school attendance.
- e. The department or contracted service provider's responsibilities, including and not limited to regular staffings, frequent Services Worker contacts, provision of life skills training, counseling, and therapy.
- d. Requirements for continued eligibility in the SIL arrangement.
- e. A target date for discharge and the completion of the goals and objectives in the case plan.
- f. An acknowledgement that this placement is in the youth's best interest and that safety concerns have been addressed. In addition, to prevent the independent living program from losing community support, gaining a poor public image and possibly losing statutory authority, the youth must be informed in writing by the Independent Living Coordinator of the consequences of behavior that violates the law or community standards. Program participants have a responsibility beyond themselves, extending to the department and to fellow program participants.
- g. A full explanation of the consequences of the youth's non-compliance with the Subsidized Independent Living requirements.

- 3. Case Plan. Independent living arrangements established for a youth must be part of the case plan, including the goals and objectives leading to the total independence of the youth from department supervision.
- a. The case plan must be reviewed and updated, at a minimum, on an annual basis.
 - b. The case plan must include, but is not limited to:
- i. A description of the youth's skills and a plan for learning additional skills as identified in the independent living assessment.
- ii. Documentation of proposed services by the department, such as educational and employment related assistance, counseling, therapy, skills training, and services of other agencies, including the type of service, nature, and frequency of contact.
- iii. A description of behaviors the youth has exhibited that indicate an ability to be responsible and a plan for developing additional, responsible behaviors such as increasing decision—making skills.
- iv. Documentation that the youth understands the specific consequences of his or her conduct in the independent living program.
- v. A plan for maintaining or developing personal support relationships with family members, other adults, friends, and community support groups, among others as appropriate.
 - 4. Frequency and Purpose of Services Worker Contact.
- a. During the first three months the youth is living in an SIL arrangement, the Services Worker and the participant must have at least two contacts per week. At least one of these contacts must be in the residence of the youth. These contacts must be used to assess the participant's strengths and needs in maintaining oneself in the living arrangement. The Services Worker must maintain weekly contact with the Independent Living Coordinator during the first three months as to the youth's progress in adjusting to their subsidized independent living arrangement. After the first three months, the Services Worker must maintain contact with the independent living coordinator at a minimum of once a month. Note: The youth's assigned Services Worker may be assisted in making these contacts by other Services Workers within the CBC agency, independent living staff, and/or courtesy supervision workers.
- b. After the first three months the number of contacts that the Services Worker has with the youth may be reduced, but only if the youth is progressing satisfactorily. However, these contacts must not be less than once per month and must be in the residence of the youth. The number of contacts must be increased if the youth demonstrates the need for more supervision.
- c. The HomeSafenet chronological notes must describe, at minimum, the issues discussed, any safety factors addressed and progress made during the contacts between the Services

Worker and the youth. This record can be used to measure progress, identify resources, and establish a clear understanding of the areas where the youth and the Services Worker are concentrating their efforts.

5. Periodic Review.

a. Since 16 and 17 year old youths in a subsidized independent living arrangement are still in the legal custody of the department, their cases are subject to regular six month judicial reviews.

b. Staffings should be scheduled around the youth's school, work and extra curricular activity schedule. The youth may invite anyone that he/she chooses to the staffing such as, but not limited to, guardian ad litem, personal friend, potential roommate, relative, employer or teacher.

6. Financial Supports.

a. Independent Living Board Rate Payment (Subsidy). Payments must be drawn from out of home care, room and board state funds. The subsidy check may be mailed directly to the youth, or it may be sent to staff so that the youth can report to his/her Services Worker or the coordinator at the time the check is picked up.

b. Clothing Allowance. Youth in SIL will continue to receive the annual clothing allowance from the out of home care budget in addition to the monthly subsidy payment.

7. Budgeting for Subsidized Independent Living.

a. The independent living coordinator, the Services Worker and the youth must work together to determine a fair and reasonable budget for living independently. The youth must maintain the budget on a month to-month basis. Suitable lodging must be located and funds for rent and utility deposits, phone deposits, etc. must be put aside in preparation for the youth's move into the living arrangement. The first month's living expenses and move in expenses are the responsibility of the youth. The youth may obtain move in costs either through savings by earned income, unearned income or by any other legal methods including gifts by relatives or other concerned parties. However, the youth must also be able to demonstrate the ability to budget and meet on going monthly financial obligations.

b. The Services Worker must provide assistance in locating a safe and stable living arrangement that will be affordable based on the youth's financial situation. The location of the placement must be easily accessible to school, work and other needed resources.

c. Youth may be assisted in accessing any community resource that might help in arranging their utility deposits.

d. A youth may choose to live alone, with a roommate (non-cohabitation) in a college dormitory, or rent a room from a family. The Services Worker must assess the living arrangement and present a report to the independent living coordinator for approval. Each individual's situation must be

considered when determining the budget with the youth and the amount of the subsidy check. The factors in subparagraph 2. above must also be considered as well as criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history—checks.

e. For all household members or frequent visitors ages 12 through 26, a delinquency records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. In addition, the following background checks must conducted for any household members age 12 and over:

i. A local criminal records check through local police and sheriff's offices.

ii. A state criminal records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

iii. An inquiry to the Florida Child Abuse Hotline.

8. Monthly Subsidy Rate Determination.

a. The amount of the monthly subsidy should be determined on an individual basis, considering the cost-of-living and the youth's monthly expenses. The maximum amount of the youth's board rate is based on what an individual can earn working a 40 hour week at federal minimum wage. The department or CBCs have discretion in the amount of the subsidy rate based on budget considerations within the agency providing services for the youth.

b. Program Incentives. Subject to the availability of funds, the department or CBCs have the option of providing financial incentives in addition to the monthly subsidy amount. Incentives may be based upon attendance at skills training or other required monthly meetings, timely submission of payment stubs, participation on youth advisory boards, public speaking promoting the program, etc., with each incentive adding \$10.50 to the base amount.

9. Out-of-State Supervision of a Youth in SIL.

a. Some youth in custody of the department, under the Jurisdiction of Florida courts, reside in foster or group homes in other states. These youth must be given the same opportunities to participate in the Subsidized Independent Living program as youth that reside in state as long as they meet eligibility criteria. Although it is rare for a youth under 18 to attend college, arrangements may be made for a youth to attend college in another state and still receive a subsidy check and/or other services and supports from the department.

b. Some states offer courtesy supervision through the independent living program. Other options might be to ask the college for staff or volunteer assistance, or to contract with a provider in that state to provide supervision.

c. For a youth under the age of 18, attendance at a college exempts the youth from the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC). However, if a youth needs supervision, submit ICPC form 100A and check the "other" box under "type of care" and write in "College ILP." A cover letter

should explain that the judge and/or the department would appreciate arrangements for supervision.

- (8) Permanency Planning for Older Adolescents. The Services Worker shall, concurrent with delivery of independent living services, continue efforts to locate and achieve placement with a permanent family until the child reaches age eighteen. In cases in which the child has made the decision not to pursue adoption, the decision shall be revisited at least twice per year to determine the child's needs and preferences. In all cases, whether the child has made the decision to be adopted or not, the Services Worker shall assist the child in making connections within the community and establishing relationships. Connections with adults may be established in foster care placements, at school, through extra curricular activities with mentors, coaches, youth leaders, instructors and others. The Services Worker shall assist each child exiting the foster care system to establish a lifelong connection with a committed adult.
- (9) Children Becoming Eighteen Years of Age. The Services Worker or independent living staff shall ensure that a child in the custody of the department is counseled as to the options available to him or her upon reaching his or her eighteenth birthday. The department or contracted service provider shall ensure, as feasible, that the child and his or her attorney participates in the required staffings and special judicial review hearings.
- (a) Special Judicial Review. A judicial review hearing shall be held within ninety days after a child's seventeenth birthday and shall meet the requirements contained in Section 39.701 (6)(a) and (b), F.S. In addition, pursuant to Section 39.013(8), F.S., a hearing shall be conducted within the month that begins the six month period before the child's eighteenth birthday to review the child's progress while in the custody of the department. A plan for the child's transition to adulthood shall be outlined in writing and details discussed during these reviews. The transition plan shall be filed with the court and served on all parties.
- (b) Staffing at Seventeen Years Old. Within thirty days prior to the Special Judicial Review a staffing shall be conducted to notify the child of the options available upon reaching his or her eighteenth birthday and to discuss the child's plans.
- 1. Planning shall take place to ensure that the child has a place to live and a source of income, whether earned or unearned, sufficient enough to meet his or her needs upon attaining his or her eighteenth birthday. Potential problems shall be identified early in the process to avoid disruptions from occurring in the child's education, employment and social environments.
- 2. If the child desires or intends to live with a family member upon reaching his or her eighteenth birthday, the

- Services Worker shall assist the child in planning for a safe and smooth transition. The Services Worker shall seek court approval through CWLS when necessary to allow contact with family members while the child remains under supervision.
- (c) Assessment. During the month following his or her seventeenth birthday, each child in licensed out of home care shall be provided an independent living assessment.
- (d) Written Notification. In conjunction with the special judicial review and staffing, each child in the custody of the department shall be notified in writing of the options available to him or her upon reaching eighteen years of age, including but not limited to the Road to Independence Program_continued court jurisdiction to age nineteen. and the ability to reside in a licensed foster home. The notification shall be written in such a way that the child is able to easily understand it.
- (e) The department or contracted service provider shall assist the child in making application for the Road to Independence Scholarship and/or transition support services aftercare support services no later than ninety days prior to his or her eighteenth birthday.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(7), (13), 409.1451(2)(a), (8) FS. Law Implemented 39.001(1)(i), (j), 39.6035, 39.621(3)(d), 39.624, 39.701(3)(6)(a) (e), 409.1451(1) (5) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended_____.

65C-28.010 Minor Parents in the Custody of the Department.

- (1) When a minor child in the custody of the <u>D</u>department becomes a parent or enters licensed <u>out-of-home</u> care with his or her own child, the parent and child shall reside together in the same placement unless the younger child's safety <u>cannot be managed</u> is at substantial <u>risk</u> in such placement or there is no foster home or facility available <u>for</u> to house both. A petition for adjudication of dependency shall not be filed for the younger child unless there are grounds for dependency of that child independent of the minor parent's dependency. See subsection 65C 30.016(4), F.A.C., regarding assistance to be provided to the minor parent or expectant parent.
- (2) In the event that the minor parent's child is not dependent, the cost of care of the child of a minor parent shall ean be included in the maintenance payment for the minor parent. There shall be one (1) payment that is enhanced to include the child's needs. If the minor parent is Title IV-E eligible, the total payment is Title IV-E reimbursable.
- (3) If the minor parent is in the SIL Program and the minor parent's child lives with the parent, the parent is not eligible to receive an additional subsidy for the child. However, the Services Worker shall assist the minor parent in applying for other assistance for which the parent or child may be eligible.
- (4) If the Florida Abuse Hotline receives a report regarding known or suspected abuse, neglect or abandonment of the child of a minor parent in the custody of the department, the report

shall be investigated as any other report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The departmental staff person or contracted service provider shall cooperate with the Child Protective Investigator assigned to investigate the report.

(5) Minor parents in the custody of the department, including those who are expectant mothers and fathers, shall be provided with an equal opportunity to participate in the continuum of independent living services. The Services Worker shall provide information to the minor parent on services needed to ensure appropriate care for the care of the minor parent's child and the stability of the living arrangement. As a minor parent approaches discharge from foster care at age 18, the Services Worker shall assist the minor parent by providing information on educational services available upon exit from foster care.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(13) FS. Law Implemented 39.402 409.165(1) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended____

- 65C-28.011 Criminal, Delinquency and Abuse/Neglect History Checks for Relative and Non-Relative Placements.
- (1) The following ceriminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks check activities shall be performed when a child is initially placed with, remains with or has a planned placement with a relative or non-relative:
- (a) For all household members age 12 or older, an abuse/neglect records check through the Department's information system containing statewide abuse/neglect records.
- (b) For all household members age 12 or older, a local criminal records check which may be requested through local law enforcement or through a search of the Comprehensive Case Information System (CCIS); and a request for call outs regarding the household members from police and sheriff's offices.
- (c) For all household members age 12 or older, a delinquency records check through the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (d) For all household members age 12 or older, a state criminal records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- (e) For all household members age 18 or older, a name check through the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC). If the child is placed in the household, the fingerprints of these persons shall be submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement the next business day but no later than within 10 calendar days of the name check.
- (f) For household members age 18 or older who are known to have resided in another state in the preceding five (5) years, a request shall be made to the other state for an abuse and neglect history check and a criminal history check, including local criminal history.

- (2) Prior to emergency placement in non-licensed care or when a relative or nonrelative agrees to provide informal safety management services, the records checks required in subsections (1)(a)-(e) of this rule, shall be performed. The out-of-state records check required in subsection (1)(f) of this rule must be requested on or before the next business day after placement.
- (3) Less extensive criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check activities are required when a child is initially released to, remains with or has a planned release to a parent. The court shall be informed of all results, including the disposition of all criminal offenses that are received regarding any proposed or existing relative or non-relative placement and any proposed or existing release to a parent.
- (a) Except for emergency placements or releases made in exigent circumstances, approval for sheltering a child in non-licensed care shall be sought from the court prior to the placement.
- (4)(b) Unless placement is being made in a licensed substitute care home or facility, all relatives and non relatives with whom a child is placed are considered to be persons who are not licensed as shelter or out of home caregivers for purposes of caring for the child in question. Any relatives or non-relatives who wish to become licensed as shelter or foster parents must meet the licensing requirements of Chapter 65C-13, F.A.C., including the criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check requirements for licensed out-of-home caregivers.
- (c) The criminal offenses that may disqualify a potential relative or non relative caregiver are contained in Sections 435.045 and 435.04, F.S., and are clarified in subsection 65C-28.011(6), F.A.C.
- (d) The application of information gathered in an abuse/neglect records check in determining the appropriateness of a placement is contained in Sections 39.301 and 39.302, F.S., and is clarified in subsection 65C 28.011(6), F.A.C.
 - (2) Emergency Placements in Exigent Circumstances.
- (a) There are three situations in which emergency placements are made with relatives or non relatives in exigent circumstances and it is anticipated that a placement will be made within seventy two hours:
- 1. Following the emergency removal of a child from his or her home or from another location where the child resides prior to departmental involvement. This removal of the child initiates a removal episode;
- 2. Following the change of placement of a child from a location where the child was previously placed and where the child remains under supervision. Since the child is already in an out of home placement, a change of placement is being made. The change in placement is part of the existing removal episode and does not initiate a new removal episode; and

- 3. Following the emergency removal of a child from a location where the child was previously placed and where the child has achieved permanency through—court ordered long-term custody to the caregiver. Since the child has achieved permanency, this initiates a new removal episode.
- (b) Whenever an emergency placement with a relative or non relative is to be made in exigent circumstances, the required criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks shall be initiated without undue delay to avoid placing the child elsewhere in the interim. Prior to making such an emergency placement in exigent circumstances, the following criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks, including receipt and consideration of the results of the checks, are required:
- 1. For all persons who are either household members or who are known to be frequent visitors to the home there shall be an abuse/neglect records check through the department's information system containing statewide abuse/neglect records.
- 2. Additionally, the following checks shall be performed for specified persons based on his or her role in the household and his or her age:
- a. For all household members and frequent visitors age twelve or older, a local criminal records check through local police and sheriff's offices.
- b. For all household members or frequent visitors ages 12 through 26, a delinquency records check through the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- c. For all household members and paramours age 12 twelve or older, a state criminal records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- d. For all persons who are age eighteen or older who are household members, a name check through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) is also required. If the child is placed in the home the fingerprints of these persons shall be submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement the next business day but no later than within ten calendar days of the name check.
- e. For household members age twelve and older and frequent visitors age eighteen or older who are known to have resided in another an attempt shall be made to gather criminal history information from that state.
- (5)(3) Continued Placement and Recommendation for Court Ordered Custody. Any criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check results received subsequent to placing a child shall be considered in regard to the child's safety and shall be provided to the court. If any disqualifying results are received, the child welfare professional responsible for the case shall notify Children's Legal Services within 24 hours of receipt.
- (4) Planned Placements. If a relative or non relative placement is planned, and there are no exigent circumstances

requiring an emergency placement within seventy two hours, court approval shall be received prior to making the placement. Prior to recommending the placement to the court, all criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check activities required for emergency placements in exigent circumstances shall be performed, with the exception of name checks through NCIC being made prior to the submission of fingerprints. Prior to making a recommendation to the court, the fingerprint results shall be received and considered for all persons required to undergo a criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check.

(6)(5) Release of a Child to a Parent. Prior to recommending to the court that a child be released to a parent, the parent and, household members frequent visitors and any paramours of household members at the home shall undergo all criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks that are required for placement with relatives and non-relatives, with the exception of national criminal history checks.

(7)(6) Criminal, Delinquency and Abuse/Neglect History Check Results. The <u>Ddepartment</u> or contracted service provider shall not make or recommend a relative or non-relative placement if the results of criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks indicate that the child's safety may be jeopardized in the placement <u>or if the relative or non-relative has a disqualifying offense pursuant to Section 39.0138(2), F.S.</u>

- (a) Results of Abuse/Neglect Records Check. The results of an abuse/neglect records check indicating that a person is named in some capacity in an abuse/neglect report shall not be used to deny placement in the home where that person resides unless that person is identified as a caregiver responsible for the abuse, neglect or abandonment alleged in the report.
 - (b) Disqualifying Criminal Offenses.
- <u>1.</u> For placements with relatives or non-relatives, there are criminal offenses that <u>statutorily</u> disqualify these persons for placement of the child.
- 2. For releases to a child's parent, there are no offenses that automatically disqualify the parent regardless, of whether the offense was committed by the parent, or a household member a frequent visitor or a paramour of a household member. For releases to parents, prior to the release, information obtained from the criminal, delinquency and abuse/ neglect history checks shall be provided by the child welfare professional Services Worker or Children's Child Welfare Legal Services attorney to the court, which shall make the final decision regarding the placement decision when the results of the checks raise concerns about the safety of the child.
- 1. A relative or non relative home is disqualified as a placement option when a criminal records check reveals any of the following felony convictions, including a plea of nolo contendere or guilty, regardless of adjudication, for any of the

individuals checked in regard to the ome. The home shall be disqualified under the following circumstances:

a. The home_is disqualified in any case in which a criminal records check reveals a felony conviction, including a plea of nolo contendere or guilty, regardless of adjudication, for child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; for spousal abuse; for a crime against children, including child pornography, or for a crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide but not including other physical assault or battery, if the felony was committed at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, felony offenses prohibited under any of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes or under any similar statute of another jurisdiction:

i. Section 782.04, F.S., relating to murder;

ii. Section 782.07, F.S., relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child;

iii. Section 794.011, F.S., relating to sexual battery;

iv. Former Section 794.041, F.S., relating to prohibited act of persons in familial or custodial authority;

v. Section 796.03, F.S., relating to procuring a person under the age of eighteen for prostitution;

vi. Section 800.04, F.S., relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than sixteen years of age;

vii. Section 827.03, F.S., relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child;

viii. Section 827.04(3), F.S., relating to the impregnation of a child under the age of sixteen by a person over the age of twenty one;

ix. Former Section 827.05, F.S., relating to negligent treatment of children:

x. Section 827.071, F.S., relating to sexual performance by a child;

xi. Section 847.0135, F.S., relating to computer pornography;

xii. Section 847.0145, F.S., relating to selling or buying minors; and

xiii. Section 741.28 31, F.S., relating to domestic violence.
b. The home is disqualified in any case in which a criminal records check reveals a felony conviction, including a plea of nolo contendere or guilty, regardless of adjudication, for physical assault, battery, or a drug related offense, if the department or contracted service provider finds that, within the past five years, a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed. This includes, but is not limited to, felony offenses prohibited under any of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes or under any similar statute of another jurisdiction:

i. Section 784.021, F.S., relating to aggravated assault; ii. Section 784.045, F.S., relating to aggravated battery;

iii. Section 893.13, F.S., relating to prohibited acts (drug abuse); and

iv. Section 893.149, F.S., relating to the unlawful possession of listed chemicals;

2. If results of the criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks that disqualify a home are received after a child has already been placed in the relative's or non-relative's home, the child shall be immediately removed. The court shall be informed of the disqualification and of the child's removal without delay.

3. Criminal Offenses General.

a. For any criminal or delinquency records check results revealing any felony or misdemeanor offense that does not automatically disqualify a relative or non relative home as a placement alternative or a parental home for release of the child, the department or contracted service provider shall determine whether the child may safely be placed in the relative or non-relative home or released to the parent without prior court approval. If so, the court shall be informed of the results at the shelter hearing or at a hearing scheduled in regard to the placement or release.

b. Whenever criminal history or delinquency record information that does not automatically disqualify a home is received following the placement of a child, the court shall, within seventy two hours of receipt of the results, be informed of the criminal history and delinquency record check results including all available information on the disposition of all offenses.

(8)(7) Criminal, Delinquency and Abuse/Neglect History Checks on Additional Persons Subsequent to Placement in a Relative's or Non-Relative's Household Home. The Department shall conduct criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks as required in Sections 39.0138 and 39.521(2)(r)2, F.S., on any new household members he following criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history checks, as specified in subsection 65C 28.011(1), F.A.C., are required for new household members, frequent visitors or paramours of any household members if they have not otherwise received the checks within the previous 12 twelve months and there has been no break in service for over ninety days. The court shall be informed of the results within 72 seventy two hours of their receipt. :

(a) A local criminal records check, a child abuse/neglect records check and a delinquency records check are required on new household members, frequent visitors or paramours of any household members.

(b) A state criminal records check is required on new household members or paramours of any household members.

(c) A federal criminal records check, including a name check followed by submission of fingerprints to the Florida

Department of Law Enforcement is required for any new household members eighteen years of age or older.

(9)(8) Out-of-State Placements and Releases. Any out-of-state placement or release shall have the prior authorization of the court and of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(1), 39.0138(1) FS. Law Implemented 39.0138, 39.401(3), 39.521(2)(r)2. FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended______.

65C-28.012 Other Parent Home Assessment and Home Studies for Relative and Non-Relative Placements.

- (1) Prior to release or placement of a child with another parent, an "Other Parent Home Assessment," CF-FSP 5411, October 2013, incorporated and available at www.dcf.state.fl.uc/dcfforms, must be completed.
- (2) For each non-licensed placement, a home study shall be completed by the child welfare professional responsible for the case Services Worker or Child Protective Investigator prior to within thirty days following the placement of the child in the out-of-home caregiver's home. In all instances, a home study the completed home study shall be filed with the court. completed and provided to all parties to the case within seventy-two hours prior to the disposition hearing, as required by Section 39.521(1)(a), F.S. A home study shall be initiated in the following circumstances:
- (a) A child remains with a non licensed, non parental caregiver for more than fifteen working days beyond the Early Service Intervention staffing, unless there is a planned change of placement that will occur before the child has been in the current placement for thirty days;
- (b) A child remains with a non licensed, non parental caregiver past the date of adjudication of dependency; or
- (c) A child is in licensed or non-licensed care and a potential alternative non-licensed caregiver is identified.
- (2) The home study shall be completed according to Section 39.521, F.S., filed with the court as part of the predisposition study and served on all parties. A recommendation shall be made to the court based on the results of the home study.
- (a) The home study shall include a visit to the home and an interview with the proposed adult caregivers, as well as a criminal, delinquency and abuse/neglect history check as specified in Rule 65C 28.011, F.A.C. In addition, a determination shall be made and documented regarding the child's feelings on the placement if the child is of sufficient maturity, understanding, and experience to reliably express such feelings concerning placement in this home.

(3)(b) In fulfilling the requirements of Section 39.521, F.S., a summary of the results of the home study shall be prepared, which shall include the recommendation to be made to the

court. This summary includes the following categories, each of which shall be summarized:

- (a)1. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver understands and is able to meet the child's need for protection.
- (b)2. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver understands the child's need for care and permanency and can provide long-term permanency if needed.
- (c)3. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver has been informed regarding rights and responsibilities in the dependency process.
- <u>(d)</u>4. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver will provide adequate and nurturing care and can ensure \underline{a} and adequate and safe home.
- (e)5. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver has a history free of <u>from</u> child abuse and free of a criminal record.
- (f)6. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver is financially able to care for the child <u>and a determination of whether to determine if</u> the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver's financial situation <u>would cause total dependence is marginal or tenuous so he or she wouldbe totally dependent</u> on financial assistance to care for the child. This shall include a summary of the <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver's understanding of the financial assistance, if any, and other services that will be available from the <u>Ddepartment</u> or contracted service provider to assist in caring for the child.
- (g)7. Whether each proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver has been counseled on available support in the community.
- (h)8. Whether or not the placement is to be recommended and an explanation of the decision.
- (4)(3) A determination shall be made and documented regarding the child's preferences on the placement.
- (5) If the recommendation in the home study is not approved and unfavorable the child is in the placement and is at imminent risk, the Department or contracted service provider shall request an emergency hearing to inform the court of the findings and make a recommendation for an alternate placement. If it is determined the child is not at imminent risk, a hearing to inform the court shall be scheduled as soon as possible.
- (6)(4) If the child is not in the <u>household</u> home where the home study was completed and the proposed <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver is not selected, <u>the caregiver he or she</u> shall be verbally so advised by the <u>child welfare professional responsible for the case</u> Services Worker— within five (5) <u>business working</u> days and then documented in FSFN.
- (5) Regardless of the result of the caregiver home study or the department or contracted service provider's recommendation, the placement shall be made or continued if the court so orders.

(7)(6) If a child is placed in the custody of a relative <u>or non-relative</u> pursuant to order of the court after the <u>Ddepartment</u> or

contracted service provider recommends against such placement, the relative <u>or non-relative</u> shall be allowed to participate in the Relative Caregiver Program in the same manner as if the <u>Ddepartment</u> or contracted service provider had approved the home study.

(8)(7) When a child has been placed in the custody of a relative or non-relative by the court against the recommendation of the <u>D</u>department or contracted service provider, the <u>child welfare professional responsible for the case Services Worker</u> shall <u>immediately</u> notify his or her supervisor of the court's determination. The supervisor shall schedule a staffing to be held within three (3) <u>business working</u> days <u>of the court decision</u> to discuss the reasons for the negative home study and to develop a plan of action <u>that includes identifying and</u> services <u>and/or safety management</u> for the family with whom the child is placed <u>and</u> that <u>addresses</u> <u>shall address</u> the child's <u>safety</u> needs.

(9)(8) When a child has been placed in a relative or non-relative household, home and other children have already been placed by the Department or contracted service provider subsequent to a home study being performed for the placement of other children in the home, an updated Unified Hhome Setudy addressing issues surrounding placement of an additional child in the household home shall be prepared and provided to the court in conjunction with a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of placing an additional child in the home. the child's placement.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13) FS. Law Implemented 39.001(1)(i), 39.5085(2)(b), 39.521(2)(r), (3)(b), 39.522(1) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.013 Indian Child Welfare Act.

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 ("ICWA"), is federal legislation found in 25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq., that governs child custody proceedings involving American Indian or Alaskan Native children as defined by the Act. See the definition of Indian Child Welfare Act in Rule 65C 30.001, F.A.C.

- (1) The <u>child welfare professional Child Protective Investigator (CPI)</u> shall determine at the onset of each child protective investigation if the <u>child is an ehildren are American</u> Indian or Alaskan Native <u>child ehildren</u> as defined by the Act. If a child involved in a child protective investigation is identified as being eligible for the protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act, all legal proceedings and case planning activities shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Act and with any existing written Tribal Agreements between the Department and the child's tribe. All child protective investigations, ongoing safety and case management, and legal proceedings activities shall be documented in FSFN.
- (2) The Indian child's parent or Indian custodian and his or her tribe shall be noticed of all legal and case planning

activities. All notifications provided to the tribe shall be documented in FSFN. The child's parent or Indian Custodian and his or her tribe shall be noticed of all legal and case planning activities. If the child's tribe is unknown, notice shall be provided to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office.

- (a) Letters of inquiry and notification and all legal and other notification to the tribe shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt.
- (b) Any correspondence to or from the tribe shall be documented in FSFN and made a part of the court record and the Department or contracted service provider shall request to the court that the child's eligibility for the protections of the Indian Child Welfare Act shall be included in all findings and orders of the court.
- (3) The criteria for enrollment in a tribe is established by the individual tribe and its decision is conclusive. The child's tribe has the right to intervene in the proceedings at any time and may request that jurisdiction in the case be transferred to the tribal court.
- (4) If the tribe does not respond to written notification by the Department that an Indian child is the subject of an investigation, the Department or contracted service provider Serive Worker shall continue efforts to communicate with the tribe. If the Indian tribe does not respond after continued efforts to communicate with the tribe have been made, the Department or contracted service provider shall write or call the Bureau of Indian Affairs area office Additional letters shall be sent registered and "return receipt" to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office located in the geographic region of the United States in which the child's tribe is located. Cases in which American Indian ancestry has been reported to the Department or contracted service provider shall be handled as ICWA cases until shown to be otherwise.
- (5) If the tribe does not assume legal jurisdiction, the tribe shall continue to receive notice of all judicial hearings and case planning reviews and to be kept informed of significant changes in the status of the case. The tribe has a right to examine all reports or other documents filed with the court.
- (6) If the tribe assumes legal jurisdiction, all case file documents (except the name of the reporter of the abuse, abandonment or neglect) and the child shall be released to the tribe.
- (7) If the tribe assumes jurisdiction in the case the American Indian or Alaskan Native children may remain eligible for services such as referrals to child protection teams or for certain economic services.
- (8) Remedial or rehabilitative efforts to effect reunification shall be by active efforts. Any party seeking placement of an American Indian child in out of home care or the termination of parental rights shall satisfy the court that active efforts have

been made to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family including community services and culturally appropriate programs and that these efforts have proved unsuccessful.

(7)(9) Placement of an American Indian child shall be made in accordance with the placement preferences outlined in the Act. Attempts to place a child in accordance with the placement preferences outlined in the Act, and any failure to do so, shall be documented in <u>FSFN</u> the case file and in <u>HomeSafenet</u>. The placement preferences apply upon each move of the child while in out-of-home care.

(10) In any adoptive placement of an Indian child, the Indian Child Welfare Act shall govern the order of placement preference. While the Indian Child Welfare Act gives a placement preference, it allows each tribe to establish a different order of preference by resolution. The Act lists the placement preference for adoption of an Indian child in the following order:

- (a) A member of the child's extended family (as determined by the child's tribe);
 - (b) Other members of the Indian child's tribe; or
 - (c) Other Indian families.

(11) In order for an Indian child to be placed in out of home care, there shall be a judicial determination, supported by clear and convincing evidence, including the testimony of a qualified expert witness in the cultural practices of the child's tribe, that the continued custody of the child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.

(12) Some tribes do not support adoption of an Indian child. Termination of parental rights requires a judicial determination, supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, including the testimony of a qualified expert witness in the cultural practices of the child's tribe, that the continued custody of the child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child. Legal notification requirements and other provisions of the Act including placement preferences continue to apply following termination of parental rights.

(13) Notification, process and service for all legal proceedings including termination of parental rights shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(14) All casework activity related to compliance with the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act shall be documented in the child's case file.

(8)(15) The <u>Department or contracted service provider</u> Services Worker shall consult with <u>Children's Child Welfare</u> Legal Services regarding issues related to compliance with the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act. <u>Consultation and</u> the results of the consultation shall be documented in FSFN.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13) FS. Law Implemented 39.0137 39.4085(12), (23) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.014 Behavioral Health Services.

- (1) Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment (CBHA). The CBHA referral guidelines are contained in the current edition of the Medicaid Community Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, 2013 edition, which is incorporated by reference and available at http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/e-library/docs/HCM FL Training TCM.pdf in Rule 59G 4.080, F.A.C. The Handbook provides guidelines for providing the CBHA to children ages zero (0) through five (5) and six (6) up to age 21 through seventeen.
 - (2) A child shall be referred for a CBHA:
- (a) When a child is in shelter status, the <u>child welfare</u> <u>professional responsible for the case</u> <u>Services Worker or Child Protective Investigator (CPI)</u>, as appropriate, shall refer the child for a CBHA <u>within seven (7) calendar days of being removed from his or her household.</u>; or if this assessment was not conducted prior to case transfer
- (b) If a child is already in out-of-home care and is exhibiting emotional or behavioral issues that might result, or may have already resulted, in the child losing his or her placement, the child welfare professional responsible for the case Services Worker may refer the child for a CBHA to assist in determining services that would allow the child to maintain his or her placement. This may be done if a CBHA has not been conducted on the child within the past year; and
- (c) The child has been determined to be Medicaid enrolled. If the child is not Medicaid enrolled, the <u>child welfare</u> <u>professional responsible for the case</u> <u>CPI or Services Worker</u> shall take all steps necessary to ensure the child becomes enrolled as soon as possible, including assisting the child's <u>out-of-home</u> caregiver to establish enrollment.
- (3) The <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker shall review and consider any interventions or refer the child and family for all services recommended in identified through a CBHA. The <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker has the primary responsibility throughout the case for coordinating, managing, and monitoring all aspects of the child's care and treatment. <u>Each referral</u> and the coordinating, managing, and monitoring efforts for the referral shall be documented in ESFN.
- (4) The mental health service needs identified through the CBHA recommendations will be considered when developing the child's case plan.
- (5) The planned services shall be implemented within thirty days of identification of the need. If services are not initiated within thirty days, the Services Worker shall document reasons

in the case file as to why services were not initiated. The Services Worker shall ensure that the services begin as soon as possible.

(5)(6) If the child is also served by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the <u>child welfare professional responsible for the case CPI or Services Worker</u> shall document in FSFN attempts to coordinate planning and service delivery with DJJ staff.

(6)(7) When service needs are identified, children shall be referred whenever possible to community mental health providers who are enrolled as Medicaid providers. If a Medicaid provider is not available, the child welfare professional shall refer to a provider that best meets the child's needs.

(7)(8) When the <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker determines that a Behavioral Health Multidisciplinary Team is needed <u>to address the behavioral needs</u> due to the <u>significant behavior issues</u> of the child, the <u>child welfare professional</u> Services Worker shall convene a meeting of the team. The team shall:

- (a) Review all referrals for services to ensure that the child and family receive essential services to assist them in meeting the permanency goals as well as ensuring the child's safety and well-being; and, if needed, make recommendations for any additional referrals;
- (b) Provide recommendations for <u>modifications</u> ehanges in the case plan. This information is to be placed into the Judicial Review Social Study Report (JRSSR) at least three weeks prior to each judicial review <u>and shall be documented in FSFN.</u>
 Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(12), (13), 394.9082(12) FS. Law Implemented 39.701, 39.4085(4), (6), (7), 39.601(1)(d), 394.9082, 409.165(1) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.015 Residential Mental Health Treatment.

- (1) Initial Consideration of Need for Residential Treatment.
- (a) Residential mental health treatment is provided to a child for the specific purpose of addressing the child's their mental health needs through observation, diagnosis and treatment in a therapeutic setting, which includes therapeutic group homes and residential treatment centers as defined in Section 394.67, F.S. Residential mental health treatment shall not be used for emergency placements or to provide secure shelter for the child. If the child is in acute psychiatric crisis, the child shall be referred to the crisis stabilization unit for emergency screening and stabilization.
- (b) The department and contracted service providers shall comply with the requirements of Section 39.407, F.S., and Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure 8.350 when pursuing placement of a child into a residential treatment center, as defined in Section 394.67, F.S.

- (c) The department or contracted service provider and the district region or zone Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office shall establish written procedures that outline the process of how determinations to pursue residential mental health treatment and referrals for placements for children are made, to include criteria for Suitability Assessment referrals, per Section 39.407, F.S., and the provision of behavioral health assessments and services to children during that process.
 - (2) Out-of-State Placements.
- (a) The <u>D</u>department or contracted service providers shall not approve or participate in funding out-of-state placements for behavioral health treatment of children, unless these placements meet all of the following conditions:
- (a)1. The case plan goal is for the child to join a family who resides in the other state; and
- (b)2. The home study on the out-of-state home has been completed and the move of the child out-of-state has been approved by the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children; or and
- (c)3. The Regional Managing Director and District/Region or Zone Administrator or community-based care lLead aAgency eExecutive dDirector has provided prior written approval of the placement.
- (b) When a placement is made pursuant to this paragraph, the district/region or zone Children's Mental Health program office shall be notified promptly.
- (3) Reviews and Reports of Children in Residential Treatment Centers. The <u>D</u>department or each contracted service provider shall establish systems to ensure that reports required by Section 39.407(6)(5), F.S., and Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure 8.350 are prepared and distributed timely and that all requirements for filing with the court are met.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(13), 394.4781(<u>4</u>)(<u>3</u>)(<u>6</u>), (<u>5</u>), <u>394.479</u>, <u>Article X (b)</u> FS. Law Implemented 39.407(<u>6</u>)(<u>5</u>)(<u>a</u>)3-, 394.4781, 394.4785, 394.479, 394.495 FS. History–New 5-4-06, Amended

65C-28.017 Exit Interviews.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(13), 409.1676(10) FS. Law Implemented 409.165(1) FS. History–New 5-4-06, Repealed ...

65C-28.018 Meeting the Child's Educational Needs.

- (1) Maintaining the child's school stability while in out-ofhome care in the school or educational setting the child attended prior to entry into out-of-home care is first priority, unless remaining in the same school or educational setting is not in the best interest of the child as documented in FSFN.
- (a) If it is not in the child's best interest to maintain the school of origin upon placement in out-of-home care, the caregiver will work with the child welfare professional, guardian ad litem, and educational surrogate, if appointed, to determine the best educational setting.

- (b) Educational settings include any setting set forth in Section 1002.20(6), F.S.
- (2) School Enrollment and Records. When a child enters care or changes schools as the result of a change in placement or any other reason, the child welfare professional responsible for the case shall immediately prepare and submit the necessary paperwork, in accordance with local agreement, to notify the child's school that the child is in out-of-home care.
- (3) If no suitable out-of-home care placement is found within the same geographic boundaries as the school of origin, the child welfare professional shall review the child's educational progress, records, and the specifics of any special programs in which the child is enrolled or through which the child receives services, and compare the child's educational needs and current services with the services that are available in the school which serves the geographic area of the intended placement.
- (4) If it is in the child's best interest to remain in the school of origin, the child welfare professional shall, in accordance with local agreement, contact the foster care liaison or other designees as identified within the school district for the child's school of origin to determine whether the child meets the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §11431 et seq., as a "child awaiting foster care placement" or whether the school district will otherwise provide transportation to the school of origin, even if the child is moved to another county.
- (a) If the school district agrees to provide transportation, the child welfare professional shall immediately arrange transportation to the school of origin in the interim period while awaiting the school district to begin providing the transportation.
- (b) If the school district refuses to provide transportation, or declines to define the child as homeless such that the child is not entitled to the protections of the McKinney-Vento Act, the child welfare professional shall discuss this denial with Children's Legal Services to determine whether the child should engage in the McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process.
 - (5) Special Education Considerations.
- (a) When a child has, is suspected of having, or is identified in any assessment of having a disability, the child welfare professional shall contact the Children's Legal Services attorney to determine whether the child's parent or legal guardian is willing and able to continue to serve as the child's educational decision maker.
- (b) If the child's parent or legal guardian is unwilling or unable to serve as the child's educational decision maker, the CLS attorney shall:
- 1. Determine whether the out-of-home caregiver, excluding theraputic foster parents, is willing and able to attend

- the necessary training and to serve as the child's surrogate parent; or
 - 2. Seek the appointment of a surrogate parent by the court.
- (6) Documentation. The child welfare professional shall document in FSFN the following for each child:
- (a) Information about the current school or educational setting of the child.
- (b) All schools or educational settings the child has attended since the date the child has been in the custody of the Department.
- (c) The length of time the child has spent in each school or educational setting.
- (d) The number of high school credits each age child 14 years or older has earned.
 - (e) The child's surrogate parent, if one has been appointed.
- (f) The reason for any change in the child's educational setting.
- (g) Information regarding the child's educational records, which may include:
 - 1. Report cards;
 - 2. Transcripts;
 - 3. Individual Education Plan; and
- 4. A 504 plan, developed under the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

<u>Rulemaking Authority</u> 39.012, 39.0121(13), 39.4091(4) FS. <u>Law Implemented</u> 39.4091, 39.6012(2)(b)4 FS. <u>History–New</u>

65C-28.019 Normalcy

- (1) Caregiver decision-making.
- (a) Supervising agency approval is not required for decisions made by the out-of-home caregiver regarding a child's participation in childhood activities. Childhood activities include attending or participating in:
 - 1. Extracurricular clubs;
 - 2. School and community sports;
 - 3. Youth group activities;
 - 4. Service organizations;
 - 5. Birthday parties and sleep-overs;
 - 6. Outings with peers;
 - 7. Driver's education;
- 8. Vacations with the out-of-home caregiver's family or other families;
 - 9. School or camp field trips; and
 - 10. Summer and school break camps.
- (b) Community-based care lead agencies shall provide training to all foster parents and contracted agencies to ensure normalcy for all children in care, pursuant to Sections 39.4091 and 409.145, F.S.
- (2) To ensure quality parenting, out-of-home caregivers shall:
 - (a) Timely complete all required in-service training;

- (b) Mentor and coach birth parents, when available;
- (c) Facilitate visits between the child and his or her family, as required;
- (d) Refrain from making disparaging remarks to the child about his or her family;
 - (e) Participate in school parent-teacher conferences;
- (f) Ensure the child attends all scheduled health care appointments, including medical and behavioral health;
- (g) Deliver age-appropriate life skills training to children ages 13 and older;
- (h) As part of progress updates, share information with the supervising agency and Department about the child's progress, family's progress, if known, and visitation; and
- (i) Be supportive of transitions, including reunification, another adoptive placement, or any other changes in placement. Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121(9), 39.4091(4), 409.175(5)(a), 409.145(5), F.S. Law Implemented 39.4091, 409.145, F.S. History New ___.

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Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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	NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 195, October 7, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

61D-6.002 General Duties and Responsibilities.

(1) The trainer of record shall be responsible for and be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horses or racing

greyhounds, he/she enters to race. Trainers, kennel owners and operators are presumed to know the rules of the Division. The trainer of record shall be identified on Form DBPR PMW-3360. Personnel Roster, effective December 2015 on the date that this rule is promulgated and incorporated adopted herein by which reference, can he obtained https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Refwww.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pmw, or by contacting the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering at 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1035. The trainer of record shall provide to the chief inspector and racing secretary at any track where the trainer enters racing animals in pari-mutuel races Form DBPR PMW-3360, Personnel Roster at the beginning of each race meet and whenever any changes are made to the personnel under his/her employment.

- (2) No change.
- (3) Reports of positive result shall include the substance detected, concentration of the substance, testing methodologies, and the measurement uncertainties associated with the test.

Rulemaking Authority 120.80(4)(a), 550.0251(3), 550.2415(2),(7) (13) FS. Law Implemented 120.80(4)(a), 550.0251, 550.2415 FS. History–New 10-20-96, Amended 12-15-97, 4-12-06,

61D-6.006 Procedures Relating to Split Samples.

The following procedures shall be followed when requesting a portion of an official sample for analysis at an independent laboratory:

- (1) A trainer of record or owner of a racehorse or racing greyhound who has received a report of positive result may request that a split sample analysis be conducted on the corresponding portion of the specimen analyzed by the primary racing laboratory under contract with the Division. The trainer of record or owner may request that the split sample be sent to an independent laboratory approved by the Division for split sample analysis. The request must be made in writing or on Form DBPR PMW-3290, Split Sample Request, effective December 2015 on the date this rule is promulgated and adopted herein by reference, which can be obtained at https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Ref-
- ______, www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pmw, or by contacting the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering at 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1035, and submitted by certified mail or hand delivery to the State Steward, Division Hearing Officer, or the Division's Office of the General Counsel no later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the report of positive result.

(2)-(5) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 120.80(4)(a), 550.0251(3), (11), 550.2415(5), (12) FS. Law Implemented 120.80(4)(a), 550.0251, 550.2415 FS. History–New 10-20-96, Amended 12-15-97, 4-12-06, 6-26-11.

- 61D-6.008 Permitted Medications for Horses.
- (1) No change.
- (2) The following permitted medications at concentrations less than or equal to the following schedule shall not be reported by the racing laboratory to the Division as a violation of Section 550.2415, F.S.:
 - (a) through (k) No change.
- (l) The detection of furosemide at a blood serum concentration of 100 nanograms per milliliter and a urine specific gravity of less than 1.010.
 - (m) through (o)
- (p) The detection of mepivacaine (<u>hydroxymepivacaine</u> hydroymepivacaine) at a urinary concentration of 10 nanograms per milliliter, or a blood serum concentration at the lowest level of detection.
 - (q) through (w) No change.
 - (3) No change.
- (4)No Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids (AAS) shall be permitted in test samples collected from racing horses, except for the major metabolites of stanozolol, nandrolone, and the naturally occurring substances boldenone and testosterone at concentrations less than the following thresholds:
- (a) Stanozolol or 16β-hydroxystanozolol 1 nanogram per milliliter in urine for all horses regardless of sex.
- (b) Boldenone 15 nanograms per milliliter in urine of male horses other than geldings. No boldenone shall be permitted in geldings or female horses.
- (c) Nandrolone -1 nanogram per milliliter in urine of geldings or females; or 45 nanograms per milliliter of metabolite, 5α -oestrane- 3β , 17α -diol in urine of male horses other than geldings.
- (d) Testosterone 20 nanograms per milliliter in urine of geldings, 55 nanograms per milliliter in urine of females. Samples collected from male horses other than geldings will not be tested for testosterone.
- (5)(10) All prescription medications, regardless of method of administration, shall be safeguarded under lock and key when not being actively administered.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.2415(7)(a), (b), (c), (e), (8)(e), (12) FS. Law Implemented 550.0251(11), 550.2415(1), (7)(e), (8)(c), (12), (14), (15) FS. History—New 10-20-96, Amended 1-5-98, 6-6-00, 5-14-02, 6-6-04, 7-6-06, 8-12-07, 12-30-08, 12-29-11, _____.

- 61D-6.009 Veterinarians.
- (1) through (3) No change.
- (4)(a) Practicing veterinarians shall maintain records of all racing animals treated and of all medications sold or dispensed. These records shall include the names of the racing animals, their trainer or kennel owner of record, the date, time, amount and type of medication, drug or compound (natural or synthetic), method of administration, and diagnosis. These records shall be retained for at least 24 months 60 days after the

completion of the meet and shall be available for inspection by the Division personnel.

- (b) No change.
- (5) through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 120.80(4)(a), 550.155(1), 550.0251(3), (11), 550.2415(6)(b), (12) FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.2415(6)(b) FS. History–New 10-20-96, Amended 12-15-97, 4-12-06, 7-20-10,

- 61D-6.011 Penalty Guidelines for Class I-V Drug Violations in Horses.
 - (1) through (3) No change.
- (4) Circumstances which may be considered for the purposes of mitigation or aggravation of any penalty shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) through (i) No change.
 - (5) through (8) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.2415(12) FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.1155, 550.2415 FS. History–New 1-5-98, Amended 2-8-01, 3-4-07, 6-26-11.

- <u>61D-6.012</u> Penalty Guidelines for Class I-V Drug Violations in Greyhounds.
 - (1) through (3) No change.
- (4) Circumstances which may be considered for the purposes of mitigation or aggravation of any penalty shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) through (i) No change.
 - (5) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.2415(12) FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.1155, 550.2415 FS. History–New 6-26-11,____.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61D-6.002 General Duties and Responsibilities

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 41 No. 195, October 7, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The word detected in the notice of correction posted on today's date is misspelled in subsection (3). It is hereby corrected.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

62-306.500 Credit Generation and Validation 62-306.600 Use of Credits and Credit Adjustments

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 158, August 14, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

Department Form 62-306(1) is being changed to 1) remove the sworn statement from the document and 2) modify the title and the first sentence of the document to reflect that the form is no longer an affidavit. The modifications to Form 62-306(1) necessitate the deletion of the second parenthetical in question 8 of Department Form 62-306(2), which stated "if credits were pre-approved, note date approved by the Department and skip items 9, 11, and 12." With these changes, the proposed rule reads:

62-306.500 Pre-Approval of Credit Generation and Validation.

(1) To obtain Department pre-approval of the number of credits expected to be generated from a project before executing an agreement on a water quality credit trade, the credit generator must submit information to the Department describing in detail the activities that will generate the credits and the expected nutrient load reduction below the generator's baseline. The credit generator must submit the information to the Department on a signed Form 62-306(1), "Affidavit for Pre-Approval of Water Quality Credits Generated Form" effective December September 2015, which is adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Copies of the form may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road (MS 3510), Tallahassee, Florida, 32399.

(2) No change.

62-306.600 Use of Credits and Credit Adjustments.

- (1) A credit buyer must submit to the Department information on the term of the trade, the number of credits traded, documentation to calculate the credits generated for the trade, the date when the credits will be generated, the timeframe the credits will be applied under the trade, the unit price for each purchased credit, and the amount of any state funding used to generate the credits traded. The credit buyer must submit the trade information to the Department on Form 62-306(2), "Water Quality Credit Trading Affidavit" effective December September 2015, which is adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Copies of the form, which must be signed by the credit seller and credit buyer, may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road (MS 3510), Tallahassee, FL 32399.
 - (2) through (8) No change.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-154.203 Categories of Reserves NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 198, October 12, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 69O-154.203(1)(b)1.b.(IV)(B)(vi) is revised to read:

Any other information deemed necessary, to provide clarity and completeness, by the office.

The remainder of the rule reads as previously published.

Section IV Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-6.011 Policy and Purpose

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2015, the South Florida Water Management District (District) received a petition for waiver from Project USA, LLC (Application No. 15-1102-2) for utilization of Works or Lands of the District known as the C-10 Canal for the construction of a 12-slip marina facility and appurtenances within the west right of way of C-10 immediately north of Stirling Road; Section 33, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. The petition seeks relief from subsections 40E-6.011(4) & (6), F.A.C., which prohibit the placement of permanent & semi-permanent above-ground structures within 40 feet of top of canal bank within Works or Lands of the District, and paragraph 40E-6.221(3)(j), F.A.C., which prohibits docking facilities from extending more than 25% of canal width within Works or Lands of the District.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Juli Russell, (561)682-6268, jurussel@sfwmd.gov. The District will accept comments concerning the petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received by the end of business on the 14th day at the South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 1410, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Attention: Juli Russell, Office of Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 18, 2015, the Florida Real Estate Commission received a petition for David R. Fletcher on behalf of New Home Co-Broker Academy. The Petitioner did not state which rule or rules he is seeking a waiver or variance from. The Petitioner is requesting a revision to the exam requirements for distant learning courses offered for specialty continuing education credit.

Comments on this petition should be filed with the Florida Real Estate Commission, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite N801, Orlando, Florida 32801, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Lori Crawford, Deputy Clerk, Division of Real Estate, at the above address or telephone: (850)487-1395.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61J2-1.011 License Fees and Examination Fees

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 18, 2015, the Florida Real Estate Commission received a petition for Dana Beth Edelman. The Petitioner is requesting a waiver from paragraph 61J2-1.011(5)(c), F.A.C., in regard to the requirement that a Licensee pay a late fee.

Comments on this petition should be filed with the Florida Real Estate Commission, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite N801, Orlando, Florida 32801, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Juana Watkins, Director, Division of Real Estate, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite N801, Orlando, Florida 32801, Juana. Watkins @myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.004 Selection Procedures for Developments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 23, 2015, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation received a petition for Waiver from MLF Towers requesting a Waiver from paragraph 67-48.004(1)(a), F.A.C (2011), which would allow it to be excused from the requirement for entering into a MOU with a Designated Special Needs Household Referral Agency.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Kate Flemming, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Marketing and Development

The Florida Citrus Research Marketing Group announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: University of Florida/IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center, Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Citrus Hall, 700 Experiment Station Road, Lake Alfred, FL 33850, (863)956-8632

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Overview of the Florida Citrus Research Marketing Order.

Reading of Florida Citrus Research Marketing Order.

Public discussion of continuation of the current marketing order.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chris Denmark, (850)617-7341.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Chris Denmark, (850)617-7341.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Chris Denmark, (850)617-7341.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The State Board of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 4, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference call: 1(888)339-2688, passcode: 568 736 12.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The meeting agenda will consist of approval of minutes of the State Board meeting held October 28, 2015. Items for consideration include action relating to the following: Amendment to Rule 6A-10.042, Test Administration and Security; Amendment to Rule 6A-1.094222, Standards for Mid-Year Promotion of Retained Third Graders; and Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03028, Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities. Other items include: Amendment to Rule 6M-8.610, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Credential for Private Providers; Approval of the Florida College System Employment Equity Accountability Program Progress Report: 2010-2011 through 2014-2015; Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$145,000,000 State of Florida, Full Faith and Credit, State Board of Education Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Refunding Bonds, 2016 Series (to be determined); Amendment to Rule 6A-1.001, District Financial Records; Amendment to Rule 6A-20.050, Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0253, Diabetes Management; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.030121, Exceptional Student Education Eligibility for Student with Language Impairments and Qualifications and Responsibilities for the Speech-Language Pathologists Providing Language Services; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03018, Exceptional Education Eligibility for Students with Specific Learning Disabilities; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.030191, Development of Educational Plans for Exceptional Students Who Are Gifted; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03313, Procedural Safeguards for Exceptional Students Who Are Gifted; Repeal of Rules 6A-20.051, Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program Renewal; 6A-20.052, Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Payment; and 6A-20.053, Match Site Facilities Payment Requirement: Repeal of Rule 6A-6.0785. Charter School Applicant Training Standards; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.0980, K-8 Virtual School Program; Repeal of Rule 6A-14.0261, General Powers of the President; Repeal of Rule 6A-14.0432, Military Leave; Repeal of Rule 6A-14.0571, Religious Observance by Students; Repeal of Rule 6A-1.0944, Access, Maintenance and Destruction of State Student Assessment Tests and Related Materials: Repeal of Rule 6A-1.09982, Reporting Requirements for School Improvement and Accountability; Repeal of Rule 6A-7.0712, Local Instructional Improvement Systems; Repeal of Rule 6A-1.09417, Curriculum Frameworks ? Lifelong Learning Noncredit Courses, Adults? High School and Non-High School Graduates; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.010, General Adult Education; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.011, Definition of Adult Student; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.015, Professional Requirements for Administrators and Supervisors of Adult General Education Program; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.055, Definitions of Terms Used in Vocational Education and Adult Programs; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.065, Instructional Components of Vocational Education; Repeal of Rule 6A-1.093, Florida Academic Scholars Certificate; Repeal of Rule 6A-7.0100, Merit Award Program for Instructional Personnel and School-Based Administrators K-12; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.03032, Procedural Safeguards for Children with Disabilities Ages Birth Years; Repeal of Rules 6A-6.0523, Through Two Comprehensive Dropout Prevention Plans; 6A-6.0526, Substance Abuse Programs; 6A-6.0527, Programs; 6A-6.0528, Youth Services Programs; 6A-6.05291, Course Modification; and 6A-6.05292, Common Objective Criteria and Evaluation of Dropout Prevention Programs; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.0713, Habitual Truancy: Inter-Agency Agreements; Repeal of Rule 6A-6.0900, Programs for English Language Learners (ELLs); and Repeal of Rule 6A-7.096, Educational Improvement Projects.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Cathy Schroeder, (850)245-9661,cathy.schroeder@fldoe.org, or by visiting the Department's website at: http://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cathy Schroeder at (850)245-9661 or cathy.schroeder@fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Cathy Schroeder at (850)245-9661 or cathy.schroeder@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 3, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Panel discussion on "If I knew then what I know now." The panelists, Mr. Michael Olenick and Mr. Andy Tuck, are members of the State Board of Education. While the panel is not expected to discuss any topics that may be before the State Board of Education, in an abundance of caution this public notice of the meeting is provided in order to ensure compliance with the Sunshine Law.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: http://www.boarddocs.com/fla/fsba/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=A27LPP4F9583.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Education Practices Commission

The Education Practices Commission announces hearings to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: December 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Teacher Hearing Panel; 1:30 p.m., Teacher Hearing Panel; Leadership Training Workshop immediately following Teacher Hearing Panel. December 11, 2015, 8:30 a.m., Teacher Hearing Panel PLACE: Holiday Inn & Suites, 521 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, Florida 33767, (727)447-6461

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Hearing Panels of the Education Practices Commission will consider final agency action in matters dealing with the disciplining of certified educators. The Leadership Training Workshop is being conducted to train Commission members.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Gretchen Kelley Brantley at (850)245-0455.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Gretchen Kelley Brantley at (850)245-0455. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Lisa Forbess or Gretchen Kelley Brantley at (850)245-0455.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

12-10.008 Administration

The Department of Revenue announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, during a regular meeting of the Governor and Cabinet, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level - 03, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Approval of the proposed rules listed below:

Rule 12-10.008 Administration

Rule 12-13.009 Closing Agreements

Rule 12-16.003 Form of Consent Agreements

Rule 12-22.007 Registration Information Sharing and Exchange Program

Rule 12A-1.007 Aircraft, Boats, Mobile Homes, and Motor Vehicles

Rule 12A-1.038 Consumer's Certificate of Exemption; Exemption Certificates

Rule 12A-1.039 Sales for Resale

Rule 12A-1.041 Photographers and Photo Finishers; Sales by Public Officials of Public Records

Rule 12A-1.085 Exemption for Qualified Production Companies

A Notice of Correction to Rule 12A-1.085, F.A.C., was published in the November 18, 2015 (Vol. 41, No. 224, pp. 5638-5639), Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 12A-1.087 Exemption for Power Farm Equipment; Electricity Used for Certain Agricultural Purposes; Suggested Exemption Certificate for Items Used for Agricultural Purposes A Notice of Change to Rule 12A-1.087, F.A.C., was published in the November 20, 2015 (Vol. 41, No. 226, pp. 5705-5706), Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 12A-1.0911 Self-Accrual Authorization; Direct Remittance on Behalf of Independent Distributors

Rule 12A-1.097 Public Use Forms

A Notice of Change to Rule 12A-1.097, F.A.C., was published in the November 20, 2015 (Vol. 41, No. 226, p. 5706), Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 12A-19.100 Public Use Forms

Rule 12B-4.003 Public Use Forms

Rule 12B-5.150 Public Use Forms

Rule 12B-5.300 Aviation Fuel Licensees

Rule 12B-6.005 Payment of Tax; Reports; Public Use Forms

Rule 12B-6.0051 Public Service Tax Reporting Form

Rule 12B-7.031 Public Use Forms

Rule 12B-8.003 Tax Statement; Overpayments

A Notice of Change to Rule 12B-8.003, F.A.C., was published in the November 20, 2015 (Vol. 41, No. 226, p. 5706), Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 12C-1.0194 Corporate Income Tax Credit for Spaceflight Projects

Rule 12C-1.0196 Research and Development Tax Credit

Rule 12C-1.051 Forms

Rule 12C-2.0115 Public Use Forms

A Notice of Change to Rule 12C-2.0115, F.A.C., was published in the November 20, 2015 (Vol. 41, No. 226, p. 5707), Florida Administrative Register.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Bevis at (850)717-7082 or by going to the Department's website at http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/rules.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kimberly Bevis at (850)717-7082. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

12A-1.097 Public Use Forms

The Department of Revenue announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, during a regular meeting of the Governor and Cabinet, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level - 03, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Approval to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the following rules:

Rule 12A-1.097 Public Use Forms

Rule 12E-1.0052 Unidentifiable Collections

Rule 12E-1.029 Financial Institution Data Matches

Rule 12E-1.031 Noncovered Medical Expenses

Rule 12E-1.036 Administrative Establishment of Paternity and Support Obligations

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Bevis at (850)717-7082 or by going to the Department's website at http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/rules.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., ET

PLACE: 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee Florida 32399, Conference Room B130; GoTo Meeting call-in information is also provided below

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Motorist Modernization Advisory Board is meeting to receive an update on Phase 1 of the Motorist Modernization project. System functionality and requirements will also be presented to the group for consideration and input.

Agenda:

- Roll Call
- Welcome
- Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- · Policy and Decisions Review
- MM Phase I Program Update
- o Status Update and Financial Review
- o IV&V Update
- o Change Request Review
- o Requirements Validation Update
- o Communications Update
- o Organizational Change Management
- O&A
- Adjourn

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/447334533, or dial in using your phone: United States, +1(571)317-3129; United States (toll-free), 1(877)309-2073; access code: 447-334-533; audio PIN, shown after joining the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the agenda is included above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Terrence Samuel, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room D315, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)617-2100, terrencesamuel@flhsmv.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Highlands County Government Center, County Commission Chambers, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33875

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular meeting of the Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marybeth Soderstrom, Community Engagement Manager, at (863)534-7130, ext. 134 or msoderstrom@cfrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Amanda Tyner, Highlands County ADA Coordinator, (863)402-6509, atyner@hcbcc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Marybeth Soderstrom, Community Engagement Manager, at (863)534-7130, ext. 134 or msoderstrom@cfrpc.org.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

The Suwannee River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Governing Board Meeting to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and real estate matters. A workshop is scheduled to follow the Governing Board meeting. Following the Board workshop, the Lands Committee of the Governing Board will hold a meeting to discuss the potential acquisition of lands, the management of District land interests and potential surplus lands.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Robin Lamm, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 (Florida only), or on the District's website, www.mysuwanneeriver.com, when published.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Robin Lamm at (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066

(Florida only). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 7, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Governing Board workshop to discuss a resolution regarding the Central Florida Water Initiative and an overview of Inspector General functions.

NOTE: One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meetings by means of communications media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting St. Johns River Water Management District, Attention Lori Griffith, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, (386)329-4470 or by visiting the District's website at floridaswater.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting the District Clerk at (386)329-4500. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St Johns River Water Management District announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIMES: Tuesday, December 8, 2015; 9:00 a.m., Projects and Land Committee business meeting; 10:00 a.m. or upon conclusion of Projects and Land Committee meeting, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting; 11:00 a.m. or upon conclusion of Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting, Governing Board meeting

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion and consideration of District business including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. Staff may recommend approval of external amendments which affect the adopted budget.

NOTE: One of more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meetings by means of communication media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting St Johns River Water Management District, Attention Lori Griffith, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, (386)329-4470 or by visiting the District's website at floridaswater.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lori Griffith. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Department f Veterans' Affairs announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cabinet Room, State Capitol Building, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Induction Ceremony.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting, Jessica Kraynak, kraynakJ2@fdva.state.fl.us or (850)487-1533.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jessica Kraynak, kraynakJ2@fdva.state.fl.us or (850)487-1533. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Jessica Kraynak, kraynakJ2@fdva.state.fl.us or (850)487-1533.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59A-36.001 Standards and Criteria for Determining Resident Rights

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 9, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room D, Tallahassee, FL 32308

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Agency is scheduling a rule development workshop for the purpose of discussing the creation of a new rule chapter regarding resident rights in Assisted Living Facilities licensed by the Agency. Legislation/new law created in 429.28, F.S., authorized the Agency to adopt rules for uniform standards and criteria that will be used to determine compliance with facility standards and compliance with resident rights.

A conference call line has been set up for those interested parties that are unable to attend the workshop in person at 1(888)670-3525; participants should use 6496679613# to access the conference call at the time of the workshop.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Catherine Anne Avery, (850)412-4505,

Catherine. Avery@ahca.myflorida.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Catherine Anne Avery, (850)412-4505, Catherine.Avery@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Catherine Anne Avery, (850)412-4505, Catherine.Avery@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Division of Purchasing

The Department of Management Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m., ET

PLACE: 4050 Esplanade Way, Room 101, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Meeting for the negotiators to discuss best and final offers for DMS 15/16-003 (EAP) Employee Assistance Program- DSGI recommendation for award.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maureen.livings2@dms.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Commission

The Probable Cause Panel of the Florida Real Estate Commission announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 14, 2015, 3:00 p.m. PLACE: Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Probable Cause Panel will meet to conduct a private meeting to

review cases to determine probable cause and to conduct a public meeting to review cases where probable cause was previously found. All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of the Probable Cause Panel or its counsel.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Deputy Clerk, Division of Real Estate, at (407)481-5662. Only public portions of the agenda are available upon request.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Division of Real Estate, (407)481-5662. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Commission

The Florida Real Estate Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 8:30 a.m., ET, reconvening Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 8:30 a.m., ET

PLACE: Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida 32801

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Official business of Commission. Topics include, but are not limited to, proposed legislation affecting Chapter 475, Part I, F.S., Chapter 61J2 rule discussion, budget discussions, escrow disbursement requests, recovery fund claims, education issues, petitions for declaratory statement, petitions for rule variance/waiver, disciplinary actions and real estate applications. All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of the Commission members or its counsel.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lori Crawford at lori.crawford@myfloridalicense.com or Mike Davis at michael.davis@myfloridalicense.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Division of Recreation and Parks

The Division of Recreation and Parks, Myakka River Management Coordinating Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 11, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PLACE: SWFWMD Sarasota Service Office, 6750 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Conduct Council Business for administering the Myakka River as a Wild and Scenic River.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from Chris Oliver, Division of Recreation and Parks, District 4 Administration, 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229 or by calling (941)882-7206.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Children's Medical Services Local Early Steps Directors Meeting announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: December 8, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – December 9, 2015, 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a face-to-face meeting with the Local Early Steps (LES) Directors and budget coordinators. The state Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Phase II, supporting infrastructure as well as the financial status of the Early Steps Program will be discussed. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss other programmatic issues including Early Steps Data System.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jennifer Martin at (850)245-4221.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Winewood Boulevard, Building 3, Room 455, Tallahassee, Florida; telephone conference: 1(888)670-3525, participant code: 7706501491

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a continuation of the November 23, 2015, public hearing, at which persons seeking to call in to the number provided were unable to do so due to technical issues. The above number and participant code remain valid for this hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the comments of the public directed to the scope and application of the following documents: 1) the Department of Children and Families Statewide Auxiliary Aids and Service Plan for Persons with Disabilities & Persons with Limited English Proficiency; 2) the Department of Children and Families Operating Procedure American With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodation Procedures for Applicants/Employees/General Public, CFOP 60-10, Chapters 1 and 3); and the Department of Children and Families Operating Procedure Methods of Administration: Equal Opportunity in Service Delivery, CFOP 60-16, and whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of these documents on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with their adoption by the rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Paul Sexton, Department of Children and Families, (850)922-5216 or paul.sexton@myflfamilies.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Paul Sexton, Department of Children and Families, (850)922-5216 or paul.sexton@myflfamilies.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mental Health Program

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 14, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Department of Children & Families, 1317 Winewood Blvd., Building 6, Conference Room A, Tallahassee, FL 32399 or conference call: 1(888)670-3525, participant passcode: 286-825-0655#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Centralized Receiving Facilities RFA10H141, Grants Review Committee Meeting to Complete Review of Grant Applications - to review applications submitted to the Department and determine ranking of applications, as outlined in the RFA.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Michele.staffieri@myflfamilies.com.

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC III, INC. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 11, 2015, 11:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the FHFC II, Inc. Board of Directors meeting PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando, FL 32827

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

- 1. Conduct business necessary for the organization of FHFC III, INC.
- 2. Consider adopting resolutions delegating operational authority to the Executive Director.
- 3. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to any property owned or held by FHFC III, Inc.
- 4. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.
- 5. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.
- 6. Consideration of status, workouts, or modifications for existing projects.

- 7. Consideration of matters relating to the statutory purpose of FHFC III, Inc., to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.
- 8. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the December 11, 2015, Board Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained approximately two days prior to the meeting by contacting Sheila Freaney, Board Liaison, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, (850)488-4197 or by visiting the Corporation's website at www.floridahousing.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Sheila Freaney. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC II, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 11, 2015, 11:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors meeting

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando, FL 32827

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 11, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until adjourned

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando FL 32827

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

- 1. Consider financing and acknowledgement resolutions for various multifamily developments, under any multifamily program, including the ranking of developments.
- 2. Consider appointment of professionals including but not limited to trustee and/or originator/servicer for upcoming and/or past multifamily programs and single-family programs.
- 3. Consider approval of all bond documents for and terms of all upcoming single-family and multifamily bond sales, including those secured by third-party guarantors, letters-of-credit, insurance or other mechanisms.
- 4. Consider adopting resolutions authorizing negotiated or competitive sale of bonds on various single-family and multifamily issues.
- 5. Consider directing Staff to submit summaries of various TEFRA/Public Hearings to the Governor.
- 6. Consideration of policy issues concerning ongoing and upcoming single-family bond issues including initiation of request for proposals on an emergency basis, and structuring new issues.
- 7. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the Multifamily Bond Program.
- 8. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.
- 9. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to:

- the HOME Rental Program.
- the HC (Housing Credits) Program.
- the SAIL (State Apartment Incentive Loan) Program.
- to the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) Program.
- the PLP (Predevelopment Loan) Program.
- the Homeownership Programs.
- 10. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.
- 11. Consideration of Appeals from Requests for Applications funding selection with entry of final orders.
- 12. Consideration of workouts or modifications for existing projects funded by the Corporation.
- 13. Consideration of matters relating to the stated purpose of the Corporation to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.
- 14. Consideration of funding additional reserves for the Guarantee Fund.
- 15. Consideration of audit issues.
- 16. Evaluation of professional and consultant performance.
- 17. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the December 11, 2015, Board Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sheila Freaney.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Wildlife Foundation of Florida announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 7, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Suite 100, Marathon Building, 2574 Seagate Dr. Tallahassee; please call (850)524-3137 for admittance into the Marathon Building

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors of the Wildlife Foundation of Florida will

conduct administrative business of the Foundation including the Director update, Marketing update, and Financial update.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Marie Kokol, P.O. Box 11010, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, (850)717-8703.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Ms. Marie Kokol, P.O. Box 11010, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, (850)717-8703.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of State Fire Marshal

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69A-21.113 Required Continuing Education

The Division of State Fire Marshal announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m. PLACE: State Fire Marshal Conference Room, Third Floor, Atrium Bldg., 325 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Quarterly meeting of the Florida Fire Safety Board. Anyone wishing to attend may attend in person or by conference call. Those attending by telephone conference call should dial (850)413-1558, (Cisco VoIP Internal Callers may reach the conference call by dialing 11558.) Once you have dialed the initial number you will be prompted to enter the Conference ID which is 604716. The connection will be available 5 to 10 minutes before 10:00 a.m.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sheila Thomas, Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Regulatory Licensing Section, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0342 or by calling her at (850)413-3643.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Sheila Thomas at the address and phone number listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Division of Workforce Services

The Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 101 Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4151

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Deliberation for cases pending before the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission that are ready for final review and the Chairman's report. No public testimony will be taken. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 101 Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4151, (850)487-2685.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 24 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 101 Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4151, (850)487-2685. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 101 Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4151, (850)487-2685.

CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

The Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Market Accountability Advisory Committee (MAAC) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

PLACE: Sheraton Orlando North, 600 N. Lake Destiny Drive, Maitland, FL 32751; teleconference: 1(866)361-7525, conference ID: 7849939192#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Subject matter includes but not limited to the Market Accountability Advisory Committee Report.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: www.citizensfla.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Barbara Walker at (850)513-3744. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

The Citizens Property Insurance Corp announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Sheraton Orlando North

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Finance and Investment Committee meeting.

Citizens Property Insurance Corporation announces a Finance and Investment Committee Meeting to begin at 4:00 p.m. ET on December 8, 2015, being held in Maitland at The Sheraton Orlando North, 600 N. Lake Destiny Drive, Maitland, Florida. Items of discussion include, but are not limited to, committee updates. For additional information please go to www.citizensfla.com.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: www.citizensfla.com.

FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 7, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PLACE: The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence(FCADV) and the Attorney General's Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team announce a public meeting on Batterer Intervention Program Effectiveness provided by David Garvin, MSW, LMSW.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Teresa Allen, FCADV, at allen_teresa@fcadv.org or (850)425-2749. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Joanne Gohlke at gohlke_joanne@fcadv.org or (850)425-2749. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Cynthia Rubenstein at rubenstein_cynthia@fcadv.org or (850)294-9336.

AMERICAN CONSULTING PROFESSIONALS DEBORAH TURNER

The Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven announces public meetings to which all persons are invited. DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, December 5, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tampa Heights JCA (Kids Workshop); Monday, December 7, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Tampa Heights; Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Ybor (Historic, VM, East Tampa)

PLACE: John Germany Library, 900 Ashley Drive, Tampa, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Tampa Bay Express City of Tampa Community Engagement Meetings for the Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275 at I-4), WPI: 433821-22-01.

The Florida Center for Community Design and Research (FCCDR), in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven, City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, HART and Hillsborough Planning Commission, is inviting community representatives from City of Tampa Home Owner Associations and civic and business associations near the Downtown Tampa Interchange (I-275 at I-4) to participate in Community Engagement meetings to:

- Develop a common understanding of the neighborhood concerns related to the TBX project.
- Frame the concerns regarding the TBX project in the context of the community/neighborhoods to determine neighborhood needs.
- Develop shared goals and objectives to address the neighborhood needs regarding the TBX project.
- Put together plans/reports to clarify and visualize the shared goals and objectives to meet neighborhood needs.

Individuals may attend the meetings as observers to the process and participate through worksheets provided at the meeting. Audience seating will be limited.

The results of these meetings will be shared via the tampabayexpress.com website, local newspapers, email and in the community (location to be determined) for review and comment by all of the community. There will be a Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven, community meeting in Spring 2016 for final comments.

For a copy of the agenda, current information and meeting updates please contact Tampabayexpress.com or call Chris Speese, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813)975-6405.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 6 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Chris Speese. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Chris Speese, Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813)975-6405, 1(800)226-7220 or email: christopher.speese@dot.state.fl.us six (6) days prior to the meeting.

INFINITE SOURCE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC

The Florida Department of Transportation District Six announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited. DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Perrine Senior Center, 17901 Homestead Avenue, Miami, FL 33157

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will hold a public meeting for a roadway project along State Road (SR) 5/US-1/South Dixie Highway northbound from north of SW 184 Street to south of SW 168 Street, in Miami-Dade County, to discuss the project's scope of work. The project identification number is 428487-2-52-01. The meeting will begin as an open house, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graphic displays will be shown during the meeting, and FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Public Information Specialist Rodolfo Roman at (305)470-5477, Rodolfo.Roman@dot.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ivette Ruiz-Paz at (305)470-5225; in writing at FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 or by email: ivette.ruiz-paz@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Public Information Specialist Rodolfo Roman at (305)470-5477, Rodolfo.Roman@dot.state.fl.us.

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, announces a public information meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 3, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Edison Banquet Center, 3583 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33901

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The City of Fort Myers, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a public information meeting for a Flexible Pavement Reconstruction (asphalt) project for McGregor Boulevard/County Road (CR) 867 from Colonial Boulevard to Poinciana Avenue.

This informal public information meeting will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at the Edison Banquet Center located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. City of Fort Myers and FDOT project staff will be

available during the meeting to discuss the proposed improvements and answer questions. No formal presentation will occur.

FDOT will be providing funds for this Local Agency Program (LAP) project, and the City of Fort Myers will be performing the proposed improvements. The estimated project cost is \$6 million. Funds are currently programmed in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, and the City of Fort Myers will determine the start date for this project.

Improvements along this two-mile stretch of McGregor Boulevard include repaving and restriping the roadway, removal and replacement of mailboxes, four landscape median islands between Walden Drive and Vesper Drive, Sunbury Drive and Wales Drive, and Grave Avenue and Moreno Avenue, removal and replacement of storm sewer and Royal Palm trees, landscaping, reconstruction of existing sidewalks, concrete driveways, and replacement of brick pavers at various crosswalks.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Avelino Cancel, P.E., Project Manager, City of Fort Myers Public Works, at (239)321-7454 or acancel@cityftmyers.com at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact Avelino Cancel, P.E., Project Manager, City of Fort Myers Public Works, at (239)321-7454 or acancel@cityftmyers.com.

Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco has received a petition for declaratory statement from Silver Springs Moose Lodge; DS 2015-140. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Sections 546.10(3)(a), 561.29, 849.08 and 849.16, F.S., as they apply to the petitioner.

The Petitioner would like to be able to offer computerized game machines for use by their customers and wants to ensure that the proposed machines would not violate the requirements set forth in Florida Statutes 546.10(3)(a), 561.29, 849.08 and 849.16.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: kelly.vickery@myfloridalicense.com. Please refer all comments to: Jason Borntreger, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1020.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, State of Florida, has received a petition for declaratory statement from Stephen Lowery, Esq., In Re: Bahama Bay Club Townhomes Condominium Association of Gulf Breeze, Inc., Docket No. 2015050643, filed on November 18, 2015. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 718.111(13), Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner:

Whether the financial reporting requirements of Section 718.111(13), Florida Statutes, controls the financial reporting obligations of the Association on account of the inclusion of Kaufman language in the Bylaws and notwithstanding section 6.7 of the Association's Bylaws, which requires a yearly audit. A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Rikki Anderson, Administrative Assistant II, at Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2217, (850)717-1415,

Rikki.Anderson@myfloridalicense.com.

Please refer all comments to: Robin E. Smith, Chief Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202. Responses, motions to intervene, or requests for an agency hearing, §120.57(2), Fla. Stat., must be filed within 21 days of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Florida Real Estate Commission has received the petition for declaratory statement from Jordan J. Bunch, Holland & Hart, LLP, filed on November 20, 2015. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 475.011(2), Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

The petition seeks the Commission's opinion on how the exemption applies to corporations, specifically, who does the corporation need to act through in order to comply with the exemption.

Copies of the petition may be obtained from: Juana Watkins, Director, Division of Real Estate, 400 West Robinson Street, Suite N801, Orlando, Florida 32801, Juana.Watkins@myfloridalicense.com or by telephoning (850)487-1395. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

Section VIII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filled with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filled with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Adminstrative Procedures
Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

NONE

Section XII Miscellaneous

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION Certificate of Need

NOTICE OF BATCHED APPLICATION RECEIPT AND NOTICE OF TENTATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Agency for Health Care Administration has received and accepted the following Certificate of Need applications for review in the batched Other Beds and Programs review cycle with an application due date of November 18, 2015.

County: Alachua District: 3-2

CON #10397 Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: Alachua County HRC, LLC Applicant: Alachua County HRC, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 103 beds

County: Alachua District: 3-2

CON #10398Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015 Facility/Project: Gainesville SNF Operations, L.L.C. Applicant: Gainesville SNF Operations, L.L.C.

Project Description: To establish a new 94-bed community

nursing home

County: Alachua District: 3-2

CON #10399Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015

Facility/Project: HSP Florida, LLC Applicant: HSP Florida, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 94 beds

County: Alachua District: 3-2

CON #10400Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: PruittHealth-Alachua County, LLC Applicant: PruittHealth-Alachua County, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 94 beds

County: Citrus District: 3-5

CON #10401 Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: Citrus Hills Health & Rehabilitation Center

Applicant: Citrus Hills NH, L.L.C.

Project Description: To add 29 community nursing home beds

County: Sumter District: 3-7

CON #10402 Application Receipt Date: 11/12/2015

Facility/Project: Freedom Pointe at the Villages Rehabilitation

and Healthcare Center

Applicant: CCRC-Freedom Pointe at the Villages, LLC Project Description: To add 50 community nursing home beds through the conversion of 50 sheltered nursing home beds and a partial request to add a lesser number of community nursing home beds through the conversion of sheltered nursing home beds

County: Pasco District: 5-1

CON #10403Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015 Facility/Project: Pasco SNF Operations, L.L.C. Applicant: Pasco SNF Operations, L.L.C.

Project Description: To establish a new 64-bed community

nursing home

County: Brevard District: 7-1

CON #10404Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: Melbourne Terrace RCC, LLC Applicant: Melbourne Terrace RCC, LLC

Project Description: To add up to 30 community nursing home

beds

County: CharlotteDistrict: 8-1

CON #10405 Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: Port Charlotte Rehabilitation Center

Applicant: Deep Creek RNC, LLC

Project Description: To add up to 20 community nursing home

beds

County: Collier District: 8-2

CON #10406Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: SRGL Naples, L.L.C. Applicant: SRGL Naples, L.L.C.

Project Description: To establish a new 38-bed community

nursing home

County: Lee District: 8-5

CON #10407Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015 Facility/Project: Lee County Development, LLC Applicant: Lee County Development, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 133 beds

County: Lee District: 8-5

CON #10408Application Receipt Date: 11/16/2015 Facility/Project: Lee Healthcare Group, LLC Applicant: Lee Healthcare Group, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new 75-bed community

nursing home

County: Lee District: 8-5

CON #10409 Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: Lee Senior Services, LLC Applicant: Lee Senior Services, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 90 beds

County: Lee District: 8-5

CON #10410Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015

Facility/Project: Seminole SNF, LLC Applicant: Seminole SNF, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing home of up to 113 beds and a partial request to establish a new

community nursing home of up to 75 beds

County: Lee District: 8-5

CON #10411 Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: VOA Lee County Health Care Facility, Inc. Applicant: VOA Lee County Health Care Facility, Inc.

Project Description: To establish a new 75-bed community

nursing home

County: Palm Beach District: 9-4

CON #10412Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015 Facility/Project: NHI SPB Operations, LLC

Applicant: NHI SPB Operations, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new 111-bed community

nursing home through the delicensure of 111 beds

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-1

CON #10413 Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015

Facility/Project: Dade County HRC, LLC Applicant: Dade County HRC, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 109 beds

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-1

CON #10414Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015

Facility/Project: Dade SNF, LLC Applicant: Dade SNF, LLC

Project Description: To establish a new community nursing

home of up to 109 beds

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-1

CON #10415 Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: La Mer NH II, L.L.C. Applicant: La Mer NH II, L.L.C.

Project Description: To establish a new 150-bed community

nursing home

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-1

CON #10416Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015 Facility/Project: Palm Garden of Aventura, LLC Applicant: Palm Garden of Aventura, LLC

Project Description: To add up to 109 community nursing home

beds

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-1

CON #10417 Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: Plaza North, Inc. Applicant: Plaza North, Inc.

Project Description: To establish a new 104-bed community

nursing home

County: Escambia District: 1

CON #10418Application Receipt Date: 11/18/2015

Facility/Project: Ark Hospice, Inc. Applicant: Ark Hospice, Inc.

Project Description: To establish a new hospice program

County: Brevard District: 7-A

CON #10419Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida Applicant: VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida

Project Description: To establish a new 14-bed inpatient

hospice facility

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-SA 4

CON #10420Application Receipt Date: 11/16/2015 Facility/Project: Baptist Hospital of Miami, Inc. Applicant: Baptist Hospital of Miami, Inc.

Project Description: To establish an adult autologous and

allogenic bone marrow transplantation program

County: Miami-Dade District: 11-SA 4

CON #10421Application Receipt Date: 11/17/2015 Facility/Project: Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Applicant: Varity Children's Hospital

Project Description: To establish a a pediatric heart

transplantation program

Also, IF REQUESTED, tentative public hearings have been

scheduled as follows:

PROPOSAL:CON #10418 District 1

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m. to

12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Panama City/Bay County Chamber of

Commerce, Board Room

235 West 5th Street

Panama City, Florida 32401

PROPOSAL: CON #'s 10397, 10398, 10399 & 10400

District 3-2

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: WellFlorida Council, Inc.

1785 NW 80th Boulevard Gainesville, Florida 32606

PROPOSAL:CON #10401 District 3-5

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. to 3:00

p.m.

PLACE: WellFlorida Council, Inc.

1785 NW 80th Boulevard Gainesville, Florida 32606

PROPOSAL:CON #10402 District 3-7

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. to

11:00 a.m.

PLACE: WellFlorida Council, Inc.

1785 NW 80th Boulevard Gainesville, Florida 32606

PROPOSAL:CON #10403 District 5-1

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 805 Executive Center Drive West

Pasco Conference Room C St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

PROPOSAL:CON #10404 District 7-1

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 28, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. to

11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Space Coast Health Foundation

Suntree Office Complex, Suite 301

6905 N. Wickham Road Melbourne, Florida 32940

PROPOSAL:CON #10419 District 7-A

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 28, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Space Coast Health Foundation

Suntree Office Complex, Suite 301

6905 N. Wickham Road Melbourne, Florida 32940

PROPOSAL:CON #10405 District 8-1

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

to 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Mid County Regional Library

2050 Forest Nelson Boulevard Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

PROPOSAL:CON #10406

District 8-2

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. to

11:00 a.m.

PLACE: South Regional Library, Meeting Room B

> 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway Naples, Florida 34113

PROPOSAL: CON #'s 10407, 10408, 10409, 10410 & 10411

District 8-5

DATE/TIME: Monday, December 28, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Health Planning Council of Southwest

Florida, Inc.

8961 Daniels Center Drive, #401 Fort Myers, Florida 33912

PROPOSAL: CON #10412 District 9-4

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m. to

2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Health Council of Southeast Florida

> 600 Sandtree Drive, Suite 101 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33403

PROPOSAL:CON #10420 District 11-SA 4

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Health Council of South Florida, Inc.

Conference Room

8095 NW 12th Street, Suite 300

Doral, Florida 33126

PROPOSAL: CON #10421 District 11-SA 4

Thursday, January 7, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m. to DATE/TIME:

1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Health Council of South Florida, Inc.

Conference Room

8095 NW 12th Street, Suite 300

Doral, Florida 33126

PROPOSAL:CON #'s 10413, 10414, 10415, 10416 & 10417

District 11-1

DATE/TIME: Friday, January 8, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m.

PLACE: Health Council of South Florida, Inc.

Conference Room

8095 NW 12th Street, Suite 300

Doral, Florida 33126

Public hearing requests must be in writing and be received at the Agency for Health Care Administration, CON Office, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 28, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, attention Marisol Fitch, by 5:00 p.m., December 9, 2015. In lieu

of requesting and attending a public hearing, written comments submitted to the department relative to the merits of these applications will become part of the official project application file. Pursuant to 59C-1.010(3), F.A.C., written comments must be received by December 23, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF LAND USE DETERMINATION On November 5, 2015 and November 6, 2015 the Department of Environmental Protection received determinations from Okeechobee County and Indian River County respectively that the Florida Power & Light Company, Okeechobee Clean Energy Center Project, Power Plant Siting Application No. PA15-058, OGC Case No. 15-0607, DOAH Case No. 15-5540EPP, is consistent with existing local land use plans and zoning ordinances in Okeechobee and Indian River Counties pursuant to the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act, Section 403.50665, F.S. Copies of the determinations of compliance are available for review in the Siting Coordination Office, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 5500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, (850)717-9000. Pursuant to Section 403.50665(4), F.S., if any substantially affected person wishes to dispute Okeechobee or Indian River County's determination that the proposed Okeechobee Clean Energy Center Project is consistent with the Counties' existing land use plans and zoning ordinances, he or she must file a petition with the Department within 21 days after the publication of notice of the local government's determination. If a hearing is requested, the provisions of Section 403.508(1), F.S., shall apply. Should a land use hearing be held, the notice of land use hearing will be published as per the provisions of Section 403.5115, F.S. Pursuant to Section 403.508(1), F.S., the sole issue for determination at a land use hearing shall be whether or not the proposed site is consistent and in compliance with existing land use plans and zoning ordinances. If the administrative law judge concludes that the proposed site is not consistent or in compliance with existing land use plans and zoning ordinances, the administrative law judge shall receive at the hearing evidence on, and address in the recommended order, any changes to or approvals or variances under the applicable land use plans or zoning ordinances which will render the proposed site consistent and in compliance with the local land use plans and zoning ordinances. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed determination of consistency may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Section 403.5066(4), F.S. The petition must be filed with the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, (850)245-2242, fax: (850)245-2298, agency clerk@dep.state.fl.us. The petition should contain: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination; (c) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed action; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact; If there are none, the petitioner shall so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner. A petition that does not dispute the material facts shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Accounting and Auditing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69I-25.003 Requirements

Interest Rate Set Pursuant To Section 55.03, Florida Statues Chapter 2011-169, Laws of Florida, amended Section 55.03(1), Florida Statutes (F.S), to require the Chief Financial Officer to set the rate of interest that shall be payable on judgments and decrees on a quarterly basis rather than an annual basis. The interest rate for the quarter beginning January 1, 2016 has been set at 4.75 percent per annum or a daily rate of .0129781 percent (.000129781 expressed as a decimal). The daily rate considers that 2016 is a leap year, and is calculated by dividing the annual rate by 366 days.

Current and historical interest rates are available on the following website: http://www.myfloridacfo.com/aadir/interest.htm. Please contact the Vendor Ombudsman Section at (850)413-5516 if you have any questions.

Section XIII Index to Rules Filed During Preceeding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.