



# Court System For Dependency & Neglect Task Force

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## AGENDA

September 12, 2024

State Capitol, Room 102 and Zoom

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- All times are approximate; some items may take more or less time than allotted.
- The agenda may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- See page 3 of this agenda for information on accessibility and public participation.

09:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Chair Dennis Lenz*

09:05 a.m. **1. CASA Network & Standards**

*April Barnings, Executive Director, MTCASA*

- Presentation
- Public comment
- Task force questions and discussion

10:00 a.m. **2. Children's Bureau Concept**

*Office of Public Defender*

- Presentation
- Public comment
- Task force questions and discussion

11:00 a.m. **3. EPS Hearing Consistency and Standards Workshop Discussion**

- Overview
- Task force questions and discussion
- Public comment

12: 00 a.m. **4. Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **5. \*\*Legislation: PD002, Revise Laws Relating to EPS & Show Cause Hearings**

*Chair Lenz and Griffin Burns*

- Overview
- Public comment on provisional draft

- Task Force questions and discussion
- Task Force action, if any

1:30 p.m.     **3. Public Comment** on any matter within the scope of the task force not on this agenda

1:45 p.m.     **3. Task Force Recommendations & Final Report Work Session**  
*Task force Members & Staff*

- Task force Recommendations, Title 41 Review
- Final Report Review
- Task force action, if any

2:45 p.m.     **Adjourn**  
*This is the final scheduled meeting for the DN Task Force*

## **TASK FORCE MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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