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RULES FOR CHILD PLACING AGENCY RULES

235 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

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1	Lansing, Michigan
2	Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 9:09 a.m.
3	MS. BRENNAN: Good morning. It is now 9:09 a.m.
4	It is Tuesday, October 12th, 2021. We are on the record for
5	the first of two hearings for rule set 2020-02 HS, Child
6	Placing Agencies. My name is Mary Brennan. I am from the
7	DHHS Bureau of Legal Affairs and the Regulatory Affairs
8	Officer for the Department. To my left I would like to
9	introduce our subject matter experts for the hearing,
10	starting with Ms. Angie. Angie, introduce yourself and
11	please state your position with DHHS.
12	MS. HULL: Angela Hull, program manager in the
13	Division of Child Welfare Licensing.
14	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Our other expert is Ms.
15	Jessica. Jessica, same?
16	MS. VANDENHEUVEL: Jessica VandenHeuvel, DCWL area
17	manager.
18	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Okay. Housekeeping
19	before we begin. The hearing will be recorded for the
20	purposes of transcription and transparency. Please approach
21	the podium if you would like to make a statement. Provide
22	your name, spell last name for the transcriptionist oh, I
23	forgot to introduce Ms. Marcy is our transcriptionist for
24	today and any organization you may be speaking on behalf
25	of, then provide your comment. One person at a time. While
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1 your comments are invaluable to the public hearing, we ask 2 that you respect the public hearing process, please keep 3 comments respectable and not disrupt the hearing process for This is a state building and we are required to wear all. masks at all times to protect the public. Please follow this mandate during your time in the building. There will be two 15-minute breaks, one at 10:00 R o'clock and one at 2:00 o'clock p.m., and one 45-minute break at 12:00 o'clock noon. Restrooms, down the hall to Snack shop at the end of the hall to your 10 your right. 11 right. Right now they're currently offering packaged 12 snacks, popcorn, coffee, and bottled drinks. For lunch, 13 head straight down to Washington one block down and there 14 will be a variety of restaurants, coffee shops as well. 15 Comments for the public hearing ends Friday, 16 October 15th. If you have further comments, please send 17 them to the MDHHS-AdminRules@michigan.gov e-mail box. 18 Please note, any e-mail sent to a DHHS staff person 19 regarding comment to the public hearing and not sent to this 20 administrative rules e-mail box will not be considered for 2.1 public comment. Rule status is available at: 2.2 https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us. A copy of the hearing 23 transcript will be available at the adminrules 24 e-mail box. Please wait -- how long, two weeks? 25 (Nodding head in affirmative) REPORTER: Page 4



1	MS. BRENNAN: Please wait two weeks before
2	requesting a comment (sic). Any questions before we start
3	taking public comment? Okay. The microphone is open for
4	public comment. Please approach if you would like to make a
5	comment at today's hearing.
6	LARA BOUSE
7	MS. LARA BOUSE: Good morning. Lara Bouse,
8	B-o-u-s-e, Fostering Forward Michigan. Having worked in
9	conjunction with the Department in reviewing these rules and
10	reviewing them as intended today, I have three comments I'd
11	like to make or three rules I'd like to comment on.
12	The first one is 400.12328(1) on the Foster Home
13	Record. We would like to strike the word "electronic" as it
14	provides a barrier to non-contracted agencies to doing this
15	important work. We would like to have language that
16	suggests keeping the record in a manner as prescribed by the
17	Department instead. Rule 12 400.12713 Adoption
18	Placement, we would like language added to maintain records
19	for all adoptions, not just those for children of the Child
20	Welfare System under DHHS. Rule 400.12403(3), we are
21	adamant that this language needs to remain and shall not be
22	changed. Not having this language has proven to reduce
23	is proven to increase barriers. This language reduces
24	barriers for cooperation in cross agency placements now
25	known as borrowed beds, and allows foster homes more
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1 co	onfidence in being able to do the same job consistently no
2 ma	atter what agency they're working with.
3	And that's it. Otherwise, we're in full agreement
4 wi	th the rules as intended.
5	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you very much. Marcy, off the
6 re	ecord, please. 115627
7	(Off the record)
8	MS. BRENNAN: We're back on the record on 2020-02
9 HS	G, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 12:00 o'clock noon.
10 Th	ne public hearing for Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 has
11 en	nded. The next public hearing will be tomorrow, Wednesday,
12 Oc	tober 13th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.
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1	Lansing, Michigan
2	Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 9:03 a.m.
3	MS. BRENNAN: Good morning. It is now 9:03 a.m.
4	on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021. We are on the record for
5	the second of two hearings for rule set 2020-02 HS, Child
6	Placing Agencies. My name is Mary Brennan. I'm from the
7	DHHS Bureau of Legal Affairs and the regulatory officer for
8	the Department. I would like to introduce our subject
9	matter experts for the hearing, starting with Angela on my
10	left.
11	MS. HULL: Angela Hull, program manager with the
12	Division of Child Welfare Licensing.
13	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Our other expert is Ms.
14	Jessica.
15	MS. VANDENHEUVEL: Jessica VandenHeuvel, area
16	manager for Division of Child Welfare Licensing.
17	MS. BRENNAN: And our transcriptionist for today
18	is Ms. Marcy. Housekeeping notifications before we begin.
19	The hearing will be recorded for purposes of transparency
20	and transcription. Please approach the podium if you would
21	like to make a statement. Provide your name, spell your
22	last name for the transcriptionist and any organization you
23	may be speaking on behalf of, then provide your comment.
24	One person shall speak at a time. All your comments are
25	invaluable to the public hearing. We ask that you respect
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the public hearing process and keep comments respectable and not disrupt the hearing process for all. This is a state building, we are required to wear masks at all times to protect the public. Please follow this mandate during your time at this hearing.

There will be one 15-minute break at 10:00 a.m. and there will be one 45-minute break for lunch at 12:00 o'clock noon. Restrooms, down the hall to your right. There's a snack shop at the end of the hall to your right. It is offering free coffee -- very strong this morning -- and popcorn, and there are also wrapped up snacks and bottles of soft drinks for your choosing. For lunch, if you go straight down one block to Washington, on your left and right there are a number of restaurants that you may enjoy lunch at.

Comments for the public hearing ends Friday,
October 15th. If you have any further comments, please send
them to the MDHHS-AdminRules@michigan.gov. Please note, any
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administrative rule hearing e-mail box. Please wait two
weeks before requesting a copy. Are there any questions

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1	with regard to housekeeping? Does anyone wish to make a
2	public comment at this time? Okay. Marcy, can you go off
3	the record until we have a comment? Thank you.
4	(Off the record)
5	MS. BRENNAN: It is now 9:55 a.m. on October 13th,
6	2021. The panel will be on a 15-minute break. Thank you.
7	Off the record.
8	(Off the record)
9	MS. BRENNAN: Okay. We're back on the record on
10	2020-02 HS, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 10:16 a.m.
11	If anyone would like to make a public comment, please step
12	forward. Okay. Marcy, please go off the record.
13	REPORTER: Off.
14	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you.
15	(Off the record)
16	MS. BRENNAN: We're back on the record on 2020-02
17	HS, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 12:00 o'clock noon.
18	We will be taking an hour break and we will resume with the
19	Foster Home rules at 1:00 o'clock. The Child Placing Agency
20	rule set has now been closed. Thank you.
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