

Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System Transition to the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System

(FY 2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

January 1, 2021

Sec. 1906. (1) The workgroup, in collaboration with the Michigan Federation of Children and Families and the Association of Accredited Child and Family Agencies, shall issue a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office no later than November 1, January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, and September 1 of the current fiscal year that must consist of, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Recommendations for the future funding and operations of MiSACWIS and the replacement state child welfare information system.

(b) Recommendations for any remedial actions that the workgroup considers necessary for the department to implement in order to improve the functions of MiSACWIS and the subsequent state child welfare information system, and measures established to determine the success of MiSACWIS and the replacement state child welfare information system.

(c) Any other information the workgroup would like to provide regarding MiSACWIS and the replacement state child welfare information system.

(2) As used in this section, “workgroup” means the workgroup established by the department to facilitate the transition from the use of MiSACWIS to a replacement state child welfare information system, according to the independent assessment of Michigan’s statewide automated child welfare information system and child welfare data reporting infrastructure submitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on February 25, 2019.



BP Section 1906(1) PA 166 of 2020 Report 2

The MDHHS' Children's Services Agency (CSA) continues preparations for the transition to a comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS).

Recommendations for the future funding and operations of MiSACWIS and the replacement state child welfare information system:

The department is pursuing the incremental, modular replacement of MiSACWIS. Requested CCWIS funding for FY20 was not appropriated which impacted the transition to CCWIS plan. The department has continued to prepare for CCWIS transition. Funding is now available for FY21. A request for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) will be submitted to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF). Multiple other activities require action to be reinstated, including planning for the project governance, selection of the product owner and preparations for vendor onboarding and project initiation. The contract for a selected vendor will be negotiated with the vendor through the procurement process and once completed, the draft contract will be submitted to the federal ACF for approval. Once the contract is reviewed and approved by ACF, the State will publish an award notice and obtain final approval from the State Administrative Board. After the Ad Board approves, the contract can be signed, and a purchase order issued to begin work. Initiation of development of the first CCWIS module is expected to begin in early 2021.

Recommendations for remedial actions to improve MiSACWIS functionality and CCWIS, and measures established to determine the success of MiSACWIS and CCWIS:

Modifications critical to user needs and system functionality continue to be made to MiSACWIS. The focus, in addition to the state or federal mandated changes, is on usability where feasible considering the CCWIS transition, and fixes that result in overall efficiencies and reduction of costs. System modifications to support improved data quality are critical, especially in preparation to convert data to a new CCWIS system. Tasks addressing data clean-up continue to be prioritized. Measures to determine success of MiSACWIS and the new CCWIS have not been finalized. Discussion of success factors will be part of the CCWIS transition workgroup, in addition to various other stakeholder interactions.

Any other information the workgroup would like to provide regarding MiSACWIS and the replacement state child welfare information system.

Establishing the CCWIS Transition Workgroup meetings has been hampered by the COVID-19 crisis, however the private agency workgroup has been initiated. Work is in progress to finalize additional participants to represent other stakeholders. A Tribal Consultation was held to discuss the approach for the workgroup for the tribes. An additional meeting to continue the discussion is being scheduled. Data quality was discussed in all meetings thus far. Information discussed in these workgroups can be

**BP Section 1906(1) PA 166 of 2020
Report 2**

shared with other participants as the workgroup expands. Close communication with ACF on CCWIS planning continues.