

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

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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.



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (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 Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (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 the CCWIS plan however, funding was appropriated for development of the first module of the new CCWIS in FY21. The draft vendor contract and the advance planning document (APD) requesting federal financial participation for the FY21 costs have been submitted to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of State Systems 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 (Ad Board). After the Ad Board approves, the contract can be signed, and a purchase order issued to begin work. It is anticipated that the department will onboard the vendor in March 2021 and immediately begin preparations for the Child Welfare Licensing module design, development, and implementation.

Multiple CCWIS preparation activities have been under way since the funding was reinstated in late October 2020, including planning for the project governance, development of the product owner and subject matter expert positions, and preparations for vendor onboarding and project initiation.

Preparations for the second module will begin shortly after the vendor has been onboarded or as otherwise appropriate. The CSA business resources have initiated activities on business process review and redesign for what is expected to be the second module.

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

Modifications critical to compliance with federal and state mandates that have financial implications, data quality and critical system functionality continue to be made in MiSACWIS. Where feasible, significant usability issues, especially those directly affecting service to the children and families, financials, health, and data quality, are considered for completion in MiSACWIS. All prioritizations must consider the transition to a new CCWIS. System modifications to support improved data quality

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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, ramping up with the onboarding of the vendor.

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

A private agency CCWIS Transition Workgroup meeting and Tribal meeting were held in February 2021. Information discussed in these workgroups can be shared with other participants as the workgroup expands. Close communication with the ACF on the CCWIS transition status will be maintained.