

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' Children's Services Agency 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 (MiSACWIS) and the replacement state child welfare information system:

The department was pursuing the incremental, modular replacement of MiSACWIS. The current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the elimination of CCWIS FY20 funding, which has impacted the transition to CCWIS plan. The department will continue to prepare for CCWIS transition until funding becomes available.

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

Minor modifications continue to be made to MiSACWIS to improve usability and address key user needs. The focus, in addition to the state or federal mandated changes, remains on usability, data quality, and fixes that result in overall efficiencies and reduction of costs. System modifications to support improved data quality are critical. Tasks addressing data clean-up continue to be prioritized to improve current functions. Measures to determine success of MiSACWIS and the new CCWIS have not been finalized.

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 private agency participants have been identified. An initial meeting will be held with the private agency participants as we work to finalize additional participants to represent other stakeholders. This initial meeting will support detailed conversation on the status of MiSACWIS and data quality planning. This information can be shared with other participants as the workgroup expands. Activity to engage tribes will occur as well. Close communication with the Administration for Children and Families on CCWIS planning continues.