

Report of J Paul Taylor Task Force 2020

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- I. Introduction, 2 minutes
 - A. Report on first year of implementation of Plan of Care HB 230, 12 minutes
 - B. Observations on failure to prevent child neglect, 6 minutes
 1. Adverse Childhood Experience type, estimated 50% of NM children have 1 by age 3
 2. Attempted to work on positive behaviors; Adequate and Appropriate Parenting
- II. Report by CARA Work Group to answer 3 main questions
 - A. Implementation of comprehensive hospital discharge plans by birthing hospitals
 1. Training completed for all birthing hospitals
 2. Extending training to birthing centers, doulas, general public
 - B. Cooperation of Managed Care Organizations
 1. Assignment of care coordination leads
 2. Acceptance of role for care coordination
 3. Efforts to support pregnant women with substance use in prenatal care
 - C. Prevention of child abuse
 1. Families have accepted plans of care, almost 1,000 generated
 2. CYFD has had fewer investigations driven by bias and discrimination, SCI has not seen increased numbers of young infants referred after birth
 3. Reports for Suspected Neglect and Abuse made if family doesn't engage with services; appropriate efforts made to support parents, infants' safety protected'
 - D. Evaluation report preliminary presented to work group
- III. Prevention of child neglect
 - A. Neglect almost always precedes child abuse; therefore prevention will be effective
 - B. Upstream efforts such as Plan of Care increase access to earlier supports and services
 1. Funding priorities do not match with intention to prevent child neglect
 2. Difficult to organize leadership in state around creation of policies or procedures for prevention
 - C. Early childhood education starts in months after hospital discharge of infants with prenatal substance exposure and not specifically organized to address parental behavioral issues
 1. Depends on family engaging with services
 2. Infants at highest risk of health harming social determinants most likely to drop out
 3. Services are a necessary but not sufficient answer to complex family needs
 4. Pandemic conditions decrease in-home contacts
 - D. Systemic biases and discrimination due to stigma permeate systems; advocates have applied limited perspectives that seem to favor either the mother or the infant illustrating challenges of supporting the development of all individuals in family system.
 - E. Recommend the Senate renew the memorial forming the task force urgently.
- IV. Questions at end of testimony