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iv. Through the Eyes of the Child Summit being held September 28-29 opens up today to the public for registration

III. Activity
a. DCYC Sibling Visitation Policy update
   i. The new sibling visitation policy started July 1st
   ii. Discuss tracking of data to know the impact that sibling visitation is having
       1. How do we discuss what changes we feel need to be made to the DCYC handbook?
       2. Reach out to Brad to see what action items have been followed up on and what changes may be in the works (Christine will follow up with him on that); may be waiting to make necessary changes all at once instead of piece by piece
       3. The folks who have a stake in it, need to be at the table when the discussion happens
       4. Is there a way to make constructive changes without necessarily having to go to the law (legislative bills)
b. Define process on how we vote on/against bills as a Policy/Advocacy workgroup during legislative time as well as defining a process to recommend possible new legislation
   i. If a person speaks to the legislature, it needs to be made clear whether you’re speaking in your personal capacity or on behalf of an agency; if speaking on behalf of an entity or an agency do you need to be registered as a lobbyist?
   ii. If OYS work groups want to support/oppose bills, the Steering Committee needs to give their blessing; timing can be an issue in that respect
   iii. Issues bubble up from the various work groups to this group
   iv. Important to have the right people at the table when discussing these items
   v. Continue to monitor existing bills and decide on bills we want to support/oppose
   vi. Bring before Steering Committee and give them a timeframe to give their approval on the issue; if no approval given, then personally people can give their support/opposition outside of OYS

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vii. Monitoring implementation of bills that have passed should also be part of what this group does
c. Update on carry-over bills and interim studies (handout from March meeting attached)
   i. Set for hearing:
      1. Senator Hansen has one set for September 13 on cash bail and bonds for misdemeanors
      2. Senator Lathrop has one set for September 27 on issues related to juvenile justice, specific to sex-offender registries
   ii. Carry-overs:
      1. Mandatory minimum
      2. Solitary confinement
      3. Police questioning of youth
      4. Teacher/student physical contact
d. Terra Luna Participatory evaluation results and work plan next steps
   i. Tabled to next meeting

IV. Feedback Survey – Handed out

Next Meeting: Monday, September 23, 8:30am-10am, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Marion Ivers Board Room 128

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