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- Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- ORS 418.005
- ORS 419B.010
- ORS 419.370
- SOSCF Policy I-B.2.2, Child Protective Services Assessment OAR 413-020-0400 through 0430
- SOSCF Policy I-B.2.3.2, Protective Service Eligibility, OAR 413-030-0100 through 0130,
- SOSCF Policy III-F.1.6, Inspection and Copying of Records OAR 413-350-0000 through 0090

Form(s) that apply:

- Form CF 313 “Notice of CPS Founded Disposition”
- Form CF 314 “Notice of Branch Review Committee Decision”
- Form CF 315 “Notice of Central Review Committee Decision”
- Form CF 316 “Notice of a Legal Finding”
- Form CF 317 “Notice of Waived Rights for Review”

Rules:

413-010-0700

Purpose

- (1) The purpose of these rules (413-010-0700 to 0750) is to establish procedures for ensuring the rights of individuals to receive notice and the opportunity to request a review when a Child Protective Services (CPS) assessment results in a "founded" disposition.

- (2) The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires child protective service agencies to provide notice to individuals identified as responsible for child abuse or neglect and to provide individuals with an opportunity to request and have a review of the disposition.

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413-010-0705

Definitions and Limitations; Required Forms

For the purposes of OAR 413-010-0700 to 0750, the following terms have these meanings:

- (1) A "Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee" (Field Office Review Committee) is a group of three child welfare employees selected by an SDA Child Welfare Manager or a designee. One of the members must be a Manager and one must be staff trained in CPS assessment and dispositions. No one may serve on the Field Office Review Committee in the review of an assessment in which he or she was involved. Further requirements of the Field Office Review Committee are found in OAR 413-010-0735 and 413-010-0738.
- (2) A "Central Review Committee" is a group of at least three child welfare employees selected by the Department's Manager for Child Protective Services or a designee, none of whom was involved in either the Field Office Review Committee or in the assessment that resulted in the CPS founded disposition under review. Further requirements of the Central Review Committee are found in OAR 413-010-0745 and 413-010-0746. The three child welfare staff on the committee must include:
- (a) Either the Assistant Director for the Department's child welfare programs or a designee; and
 - (b) Either the Manager for Child Protective Services or a designee; and
 - (c) At least one CPS consultant.
- (3) "CPS" refers to the Department's Child Protective Services program, that is responsible for, among other duties, the assessment of alleged child abuse.
- (4) "CPS Disposition" is a determination that completes a CPS assessment. Dispositions are discussed in OAR 413-015-1000 and include founded, unfounded, and unable to determine.
- (a) "Founded disposition" means there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse occurred;
 - (b) "Unfounded disposition" means no evidence of child abuse was identified or disclosed; or
 - (c) "Unable to Determine" means there are some indications of child abuse, but

there is insufficient data to conclude that there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse or neglect occurred.

- (5) "CPS Founded Disposition" means that the Department determined, after completing a CPS assessment, that there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse occurred.
- (6) "Department" (DHS) means the Department of Human Services.
- (7) "Juvenile" means a person younger than the age of 18 years who is identified as a perpetrator. OAR 413-010-0716 provides specific requirements regarding application of these rules to juveniles.
- (8) "Legal finding" means a. court or administrative finding, judgment, order, stipulation, plea, or verdict that determines who was responsible for the child abuse that is the subject of a CPS founded disposition.
- (9) "Legal proceeding" means a court or administrative proceeding that may result in a legal finding.
- (10) "Local Child Welfare Field Office" means the Department's child welfare field office that conducted the CPS assessment that resulted in the CPS Founded Disposition subject to review under these rules.
- (11) A "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision (Form CF 314)" is a written notice of the Decision of the Child Welfare Office Review Committee and Right to Request a Central Review. This notice is further described in OAR 413-010-0738.
- (12) A "Notice of Central Review Committee Decision (Form CF 315)" is a written notice of the decision of the Central Review Committee.
- (13) A "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition (Form CF 313)" is a written notice provided to a perpetrator of the right of the perpetrator to request a review. Further requirements of the notice are described in OAR 413-010-0715, 413-010-0717, and 413-010-0718, including who must receive the notice if the perpetrator is a juvenile.
- (14) A "Notice of a Legal Finding (Form CF 316)" is a written notice that the Department has determined that there is a "legal finding" regarding who is responsible for the abuse that is the subject of the CPS founded disposition.
- (15) A "Notice of Waived Rights for Review (Form CF 317)" is a written notice that Department staff send to a person requesting review, when the office has documentation that a person either refused to accept delivery of the notice of CPS founded disposition or accepted delivery of the notice of CPS founded disposition but did not request a review within the time period required in OAR 413-010-0720(7).
- (16) "Perpetrator" means the person the Department has reasonable cause to believe is responsible for child abuse in a CPS founded disposition.
- (17) "Person Requesting Review" or "Requestor" means a perpetrator, his or her attorney,

or, if a juvenile is identified as the perpetrator, the person who may request a review on behalf of the juvenile, who requests a review of the founded disposition because they believe the founded disposition is in error.

- (18) "Request for Review by Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee" means a written request for review by the Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee from a person requesting review. The specific requirements for a request for review are described in 413-010-0721.
- (19) "Request for Review by Central Review Committee" means a written request for a review by the Central Review Committee from a requestor who has received a Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision (Form CF 314) to retain a founded disposition. The specific requirements for a request for review by a Central Review Committee are described in OAR 413-010-0740.
- (20) "SDA" means Service Delivery Area, which is a geographic region of one or more counties served by the Department and managed by an SDA Manager.

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Overview of the Procedures Required by These Rules

These rules regulate the following subjects:

- (1) Applying DHS employee policies if the person identified as responsible in a CPS founded disposition is an employee of the Department (see OAR 413-010-0714);
- (2) Providing notice of a CPS founded disposition as a result of a CPS disposition (see OAR 413-010-0715);
- (3) Providing notice of a CPS founded disposition and other documents to juveniles (see OAR 413-010-0716);
- (4) Inquiring about a review of CPS founded disposition completed before August 4, 2000, (see OAR 413-010-0717);
- (5) Inquiring about a review of a CPS founded disposition when a person believes they have not received a notice (see OAR 413-010-0718);
- (6) Field Office responsibilities when a person inquires about a review of a CPS founded disposition (see OAR 413-010-0719);
- (7) Information included in the notice of CPS founded disposition (Form CF 313) (see OAR 413-010-0720);
- (8) Making a Request for a review of a CPS founded disposition (see OAR 413-010-0721);

- (9) Determining when legal findings preclude a right for review (see OAR 413-010-0722);
- (10) Providing a notice of legal finding (see OAR 413-010-0723);
- (11) Field Office responsibilities related to notices and reviews (see OAR 413-010-0732);
- (12) Field Office reviews of CPS founded dispositions (see OAR 413-010-0735);
- (13) Providing a notice of the field office's decision (see OAR 413-010-0738);
- (14) Requesting a Central Review Committee review of CPS founded disposition (see OAR 413-010-0740);
- (15) Field Office responsibilities in the case of a request for Central Review Committee review (see OAR 413-010-0743);
- (16) Central Review Committee review (see OAR 413-010-0745);
- (17) Providing notice of Central Review Committee decisions (see OAR 413-010-0746);
- (18) Discretion of program manager to review CPS founded disposition (see OAR 413-010-0748); and
- (19) Revising CPS founded dispositions in the Department's records (see OAR 413-010-0750).

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413-010-0714

Department Employee - Application of Department Employee Policies

When the perpetrator is a Department employee, the Department will follow the Department employee policies in addition to these rules.

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413-010-0715

Providing Notice of a CPS Founded Disposition

- (1) Notice in all cases except those founded based on threat of harm for domestic violence. Except as provided in OAR 413-010-0717, the local Child Welfare field office must deliver a notice of CPS founded disposition (Form CF 313) to the person identified as the perpetrator in the CPS founded disposition. If the perpetrator is a juvenile, notice must be provided as required by OAR 413-010-0716. If the perpetrator is not a juvenile, the notice must be delivered as follows:
 - (a) By certified mail, restricted delivery, with a return receipt requested to the last known address of the perpetrator; or
 - (b) By hand delivery to the perpetrator. If hand delivered, the notice must be addressed to the perpetrator and a copy of the notice must be signed and dated by the perpetrator to acknowledge receipt, signed by the person delivering the notice, and filed in the child welfare case file.
- (2) Notice in cases founded for threat of harm for domestic violence. The method or process for providing notice of a CPS founded disposition for threat of harm for domestic violence should maximize the safety of the child, the adult victim, and Department employees. The Department will not use the adult victim to deliver the notice. If providing the notice would increase the risk of harm to a child, adult victim, or Department employee, an exception to notification may be made with Department management approval based on documentation of risk.

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413-010-0716

Providing Notice of a CPS Founded Disposition and Other Documents to a Juvenile

- (1) The Local Child Welfare field office that determines a juvenile is the perpetrator must deliver the "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313) to one of the following persons who may act on behalf of the juvenile in submitting a request for review based on having legal custody of the juvenile:
 - (a) The juvenile's parent; or
 - (b) The juvenile's guardian.
- (2) If the juvenile is in the legal custody of the Department or the Oregon Youth Authority, the notice must be sent to both of the following:
 - (a) The juvenile's attorney; and
 - (b) The juvenile's parent, unless there is cause to believe such communication will be detrimental to the juvenile (see OAR 413-020-170(2)(c)).
- (3) If the juvenile is in the legal custody of the Department and is unrepresented, the Department will ask the juvenile court to appoint an attorney for the juvenile.

- (4) The "Notice of a CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313) must be delivered by certified mail, restricted delivery, with a return receipt requested to the last known address of each mandatory recipient identified in sections (1) and (2) of this rule.
- (5) Any other notices or documents that must be provided to perpetrators pursuant to these rules must be delivered to the appropriate persons as outlined in this rule if the perpetrator is a juvenile.

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413-010-0717

Inquiry about a Review When a CPS Founded Disposition Was Made Prior to August 4, 2000

- (1) The Department will not deliver a "Notice of Founded CPS Disposition" (Form CF 313) to a person identified as a perpetrator in a CPS founded disposition completed prior to August 4, 2000, unless a person makes an inquiry to the Department about an opportunity for review and qualifies for a review as described in section (2) of this rule.
- (2) An individual identified as a perpetrator in a CPS founded disposition completed prior to August 4, 2000, may contact any Child Welfare field office and inquire about a review of the disposition. If a complete record of the incident, including a complete copy of the CPS assessment and documentation collected during the CPS assessment, is still available, the Department proceeds in accordance with OAR 413-010-0718. If a complete record of the incident is no longer available, the Department will not conduct a review but will provide notice to the individual that a review will not be conducted and the reasons for that determination.

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413-010-0718

Inquiry about a Review of a CPS Founded Disposition When a Person Believes They Have Not Received a Notice

If a person believes he or she is entitled under these rules to a "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313) but has not received one, the person may contact any Child Welfare field office to inquire about a review of the disposition. If the Child Welfare field office determines that the person making the inquiry has been identified as a perpetrator in a CPS Founded Disposition since August 4, 2000, staff must determine whether a "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313) was delivered to the perpetrator or the perpetrator refused the delivery of the notice, as evidenced by the returned receipt. If a notice was delivered to the perpetrator or the perpetrator refused delivery of the notice, as evidenced by a returned receipt, and the time for requesting review of CPS founded disposition has expired, the local Child Welfare field office must either prepare and deliver a "Notice of Waived Rights

for Review" (Form CF 317) or inform the perpetrator by telephone of the information required in the "Notice of Waived Rights for Review" and document the telephone notification in the child welfare case file. If the perpetrator is a juvenile, the local Child Welfare field office must prepare and deliver a "Notice of Waived Rights" to the appropriate persons identified in OAR 413-010-0716. If no returned receipt exists or if it appears that notice was not properly provided, the local Child Welfare field office must deliver a "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition" as provided in OAR 413-010-0720 or, if the perpetrator is a juvenile, as provided in OAR 413-010-0716.

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413-010-0720

Information Included in the "Notice of a CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313)

The "Notice of a CPS Founded Disposition" (Form CF 313) must include the following:

- (1) The case and sequence numbers assigned to the CPS assessment that resulted in the CPS Founded Disposition;
- (2) The full name of the individual who has been identified as responsible for the child abuse as it is recorded in the case record;
- (3) A statement that the CPS disposition was recorded as "founded" including a description of the type of child abuse or neglect identified;
- (4) A description of the CPS assessment that briefly explains how the CPS founded disposition was determined;
- (5) A statement about the right of the individual to submit a request for review of the CPS founded disposition;
- (6) Instructions for making a request for review, including the requirement that the requestor provide a full explanation why the requestor believes the CPS founded disposition is in error;
- (7) A statement that the Department will not review a CPS founded disposition when a legal proceeding is pending and that the person requesting a review maintains the right to request a review for 30 days following resolution of the pending legal proceeding unless the proceeding results in a legal finding that is consistent with the CPS founded disposition.
- (8) A statement that the person waives the right to request a review if the request for review is not received by the local Child Welfare field office within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition," as documented by a returned receipt.

- (9) A statement that the Child Welfare field office review committee will consider relevant documentary information contained in the Department's case file, including the CPS assessment and disposition, screening information, assessment information and narrative, related police reports, medical reports, and information submitted with the request for review by the person requesting review.
- (10) A statement that the review committee will not re-interview the victim; interview or meet with the person requesting a review, with others associated with the requestor, or with others mentioned in the assessment; or conduct a field assessment of the allegation of child abuse; and
- (11) A statement that the local Child Welfare field office will send the requestor a "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) within 30 days of receiving a request for review.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005

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Making a Request for a Review of a CPS Founded Disposition

A person requesting a review must use information contained on the "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition" to prepare a written request for review. The written request for review must be delivered to the local Child Welfare field office within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the Notice of CPS Founded Disposition and must include the following items:

- (1) Date the request for review is written;
- (2) Case number and sequence number found on the "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition;"
- (3) Full name of the person identified as responsible for abuse or neglect in the CPS founded disposition;
- (4) A full explanation, responsive to the information provided in the Department's notice, explaining why the person believes the CPS founded disposition is in error and providing any additional information and documents the person wants considered during the review;
- (5) The person's current name (if it has changed from the name noted in subsection (c) of this section);
- (6) The person's current street address and telephone number; and
- (7) The person's signature.

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Determining When Legal Findings Preclude a Right to Request a Review

- (1) The Department does not conduct a review when there is a legal finding consistent with the CPS founded disposition. In that case, a "Notice of Legal Finding" must be provided as provided in OAR 413-010-0723(1).
- (2)
 - (a) If the Department is aware that a legal proceeding is pending, the Field Office Review Committee may not review the disposition until the legal proceeding is completed.
 - (b) If the Department is aware that a legal proceeding is pending and decides not to review the disposition until the legal proceeding is completed, the local Child Welfare field office must notify the requestor within 30 days after receipt of a request for review that the Department will not review the disposition until the legal proceeding is completed and will take no further action on the request.
 - (c) The requestor may, at the conclusion of the legal proceeding, again submit a request for review within 30 days.
 - (d) The requestor retains the right to request a review for 30 days following resolution of the legal proceeding.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 418.005

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Providing a Notice of Legal Finding (Form CF 316)

If a requestor inquires about a review of a CPS founded disposition and there is a legal finding consistent with the CPS founded disposition, the local Child Welfare field office staff must prepare and deliver a "Notice of Legal Finding" (Form CF 316) that informs the requestor that the Department will not review the disposition.

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413-010-0732

Local Child Welfare Office Responsibilities Related to Notices and Reviews

- (1) If an individual asks to review Department records for the purpose of reviewing a CPS founded disposition, state and federal confidentiality law, including OAR 413-010-0000 to 413-010-0075 and OAR 413-350-0000 to 413-350-0090 govern the inspection and copying of records.

- (2) The local Child Welfare field office must maintain records to demonstrate the following, when applicable:
- (a) Whether the Department delivered a "Notice of CPS Founded Disposition;"
 - (b) Whether or not the Notice of CPS Founded Disposition was received by the addressee, as evidenced by a returned receipt documenting that the notice was received, refused, or not received within the 15-day period provided by the United States Postal Service;
 - (c) The date a Request for a Child Welfare field office review was received by the local Child Welfare field office;
 - (d) If a review is conducted by a Field Office Committee, whether the "Notice of the Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) was received by the addressee as evidenced by a returned receipt documenting that the notice was received, refused, or not received within the 15-day period as provided by the United States Postal Service; and
 - (e) The date a request for review by the Central Review Committee was received by the Department.
- (3) The Child Welfare supervisor in each local child welfare field office or designee must maintain a comprehensive record of the reviews completed by the Field Office Review Committee on CPS founded dispositions arising out of the local Child Welfare field office to which the supervisor is assigned. The record must include the date, case number, sequence number, and the committee decision for each review completed by the Field Office Review Committee.

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413-010-0735

Local Child Welfare Field Office Review Committees and Reviews of CPS Dispositions

- (1) The Field Office Review Committee must conduct a review and issue a "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) to the requestor within 30 days from the date the local Child Welfare field office receives a request for review of a CPS founded disposition.
- (2) If the request for review was delayed because a legal proceeding was pending as provided in OAR 413-010-0720(6), or the proceeding has been completed without a legal finding that would preclude a review, the review must occur within 30 days from the date the local Child Welfare field office receives a new request for review.
- (3) The Field Office Review Committee must operate as follows:

- (a) The committee must consider relevant documentary information contained in the Department's child welfare case file including the CPS assessment and disposition, screening information, assessment information and narrative, related police reports, medical reports, and information provided by the person requesting review.
- (b) The Review Committee may not re-interview the victim; interview or meet with the person requesting a review, with others associated with the requestor, or with others mentioned in the assessment; or conduct a field assessment of the allegation of child abuse or neglect.
- (c) A review must be based on current child welfare practice and definitions of child abuse. Procedural rules in place at the time the CPS assessment was completed also must be considered.
- (d) All decisions of the committee must be decided by majority vote of the participating committee members.
- (e) The Review Committee must determine:
 - (A) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse occurred;
 - (B) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the person requesting review is responsible for the child abuse; and
 - (C) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the type of abuse for which the CPS assessment was founded is correctly identified in the assessment.
- (f) Based upon its review of the CPS founded disposition and its determinations under subsection (d) of this section, the Review Committee must either retain the founded disposition or change the disposition to unfounded or unable to determine. The Review Committee also may change the type of abuse (see OAR 413-015-1000(3) for a list of the types of abuse) for which the CPS disposition was founded.

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413-010-0738

Notice of SDA Review Committee Decision

- (1) The Child Welfare supervisor or designee must prepare a "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) as described in OAR 413-010-0738.
- (2) The "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) must include the following:

- (a) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse occurred;
 - (b) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe the person requesting the review was responsible for the child abuse;
 - (c) The decision of the Field Office Review Committee whether to change or retain the CPS founded disposition;
 - (d) If the CPS founded disposition is changed, whether it will be changed to "unable to determine" or to "unfounded;"
 - (e) If the Field Office Review Committee decides that the CPS founded disposition should be retained but that the type of abuse for which the disposition was founded should be changed, the type of abuse that should be founded and the reason for this change.
 - (f) If the CPS founded disposition is retained but the type of abuse is changed, notice that the person requesting the review has the right to request a new Child Welfare field office review of the change;
 - (g) A summary of the information and reasoning of the Field Office Review Committee upon which its decisions were based;
 - (h) If a CPS founded disposition is determined to be "unable to determine" or "unfounded," notice that the change will be noted in the CPS assessment narrative;
 - (i) If the founded disposition is retained, a statement about how to request a review by the Central Review Committee, as described in OAR 413-010-0740.
- (2) The Local Child Welfare field office must place the request for review and a copy of the "Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) in the child welfare case file. A change may not be made in the existing written child welfare case file except to add the determinations of the committee.
 - (3) The Department must send the "Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) by certified mail, restricted delivery, with a return receipt requested, to the person requesting review within 30 days of the request for review.
 - (4) When a Field Office Review Committee decision is made to change a CPS founded disposition, the Child Welfare supervisor or designee forwards the "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision," (Form CF 314) to the Department's Office of Information Services (OIS) or other appropriate organizational unit to make changes in the Department's Integrated Information System (IIS), Families and Child Information System (FACIS), or other appropriate information system.

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413-010-0740

Requesting a Central Review Committee Review

- (1) A person entitled to the notice described in OAR 413-010-0738 may, within 30 days of receipt of the notice, request a review by the Central Review Committee.
- (2) A person requesting a review by the Central Review Committee of a CPS founded disposition may use a copy of the request for Child Welfare field office review or prepare a new request for review by the Central Review Committee, following the requirements outlined in OAR 413-010-0721.
- (3) A person requesting a review by the Central Review Committee of a CPS founded disposition must deliver the request to the local Child Welfare field office within 30 days of the date the "Notice of Child Welfare Field Office Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 314) was received by the requestor, as evidenced on a United States Postal Service return receipt.

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Local Office Responsibilities in a Request for Central Review Committee Review

Within 10 calendar days after receiving a request for Central Review Committee review, the local child welfare office must forward the following documents to the Department's CPS Program Unit:

- (1) The request for review; and
- (2) A copy of the child welfare case records pertinent to the CPS founded disposition, including the information reviewed by the Field Office Review Committee.

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413-010-0745

Central Review Committee Review

- (1) The Central Review Committee will conduct a review and issue a "Notice of Central Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 315) within 60 days from the date the CPS Program Unit receives a request for a review by the Central Review Committee.
- (2) The Central Review Committee operates as follows:

- (a) The CPS program office schedules a review of the CPS founded disposition when a written request for review and case file information is received from the local Child Welfare field office.
- (b) The Central Review Committee considers relevant documentary information contained in the Department's child welfare case file, including the CPS assessment and disposition, screening information, assessment information and narrative, related police reports, medical reports, and information provided by the person requesting review with the request.
- (c) The Central Review Committee will not re-interview the victim; interview or meet with the person requesting a review, with others associated with the requestor, or with others mentioned in the assessment; or conduct a field assessment of the allegation of child abuse or neglect.
- (d) Reviews must be based on current child welfare practice and definitions of child abuse and neglect. Procedural rules in place at the time the CPS assessment was completed also must be considered.
- (e) All decisions of the Central Review Committee must be decided by majority vote of the participating committee members.
- (f) The Central Review Committee determines:
 - (A) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse or neglect occurred;
 - (B) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the person requesting review is responsible for the child abuse or neglect; and
 - (C) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the type of abuse is correctly identified in the assessment.
- (g) Based upon its review of the CPS founded disposition and the determinations required by subsection (e) of this section, the Review Committee will either leave the founded disposition unchanged or change the disposition to "unfounded" or "unable to determine." The Central Review Committee also may change the type of abuse for which the CPS disposition was founded.

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Notice of Central Review Committee Decision

- (1) Within 60 calendar days of the date the Central Review Committee receives the request for review from the local Child Welfare field office, the Central Review Committee prepares and sends to the requestor by certified mail, restricted delivery, with a return

receipt requested, a "Notice of Central Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 315) that includes the following information:

- (a) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse occurred;
 - (b) Whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the person requesting review was responsible for the child abuse;
 - (c) The decision of the Central Review Committee whether to change the CPS founded disposition;
 - (d) If the CPS founded disposition is changed, whether the change will be to "unable to determine" or to "unfounded disposition;"
 - (e) If the Central Review Committee decides that the CPS founded disposition should be retained but the type of abuse for which the disposition was founded should be changed, the new type of abuse and the reason for this change;
 - (f) If the CPS founded disposition is retained but the type of abuse or neglect is changed, notice that the person requesting the review has the right to request a new Central Review Committee review based on the change;
 - (g) A summary of the information used by the Central Review Committee and its reasoning in reaching its decisions; and
 - (h) If a CPS founded disposition is changed to "unable to determine" or "unfounded," notice that the change will be made to the CPS assessment narrative.
- (2) A "Notice of Central Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 315) is sent to the person requesting review, the local Child Welfare field office for filing in the child welfare case record, the CPS worker, and the supervisor involved in the initial CPS assessment and determination of disposition.
 - (3) If the Central Review Committee determines that the CPS founded disposition should be changed, the Central Review Committee sends the decision (Form CF 315) to the CPS Program Coordinator.
 - (4) The CPS Program Office maintains a comprehensive record of the reviews of CPS founded dispositions conducted by the Central Review Committee. The record includes the date of the review, case number, sequence number, a copy of the materials reviewed by the committee in reaching its decision, and the committee decision for each review conducted by the Central Review Committee.

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Review Initiated by the Department

The CPS Program Manager may direct that either the Field Office Review Committee or the Central Review Committee review a founded disposition if there is good cause to do so, such as a determination that there is a legal finding that contradicts the CPS founded disposition.

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Revising Founded Child Abuse Dispositions in the Integrated Information System (IIS)

When a Central Review Committee decision is made to change a CPS founded disposition, the CPS Program Coordinator or designee forwards the "Notice of Central Review Committee Decision" (Form CF 315) to the Department's Office of Information Services (OIS) or other appropriate organizational unit to make changes in the Department's Integrated Information System (IIS), Families and Child Information System (FACIS) or other appropriate information system.

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