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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

NOTICE OF MEETING

January 15, 2025

1:00 P.M.

John J. Hainkel, Jr. Room

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION- Various matters regarding the health and welfare and safety of women and children in Louisiana.
 1. General overview of how the system works; OJJ budget, overview of the number of youth offender incidents, youth offender attacks on other youth offenders and youth offenders attacks on staff; how the facilities separate offenders by age; the procedure for approval of family visits, and youth escorts/furlough visits.
 - a) - Office of Juvenile Justice, Deputy Secretary Kenneth "Kenny" Loftin
 - b) - Family & Community Liaison
 - c) - Social Services personnel per facility & directors for each OJJ facility
 2. Maternal Health state updates and an update on the State's Family Initiatives and what we can do in the future for our families.
 - a) - Office of Women's Health and Community Health, Tangela Womack, Assistant Secretary
 - b) - The Amandla Group, President Frankie Robertson
 3. An Update on child sexual abuse investigation procedures and protections against child sexual abuse in Louisiana
 - a) - Secretary of DCFS, David Matlock
 - b) - Representative of State Police
 - c) - Representative of Sheriff's Association

4. Power Based Violence update

a) - Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education

IV. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

V. ADJOURNMENT

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