

State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)

March 5, 2026

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Rebecca Seltzer - Johns Hopkins School of Medicine - Maryland AAP Representative
Lindsay Carpenter - Maryland State's Attorney Association
Erica LeMon - Maryland Legal Aid
John McGinnis - Maryland Department of Education
Jody Burghardt - JSSA
Stacey Brown - The Family Tree
Dr. Ademola (Moses) Oduyebo

Members Not in Attendance:

Lisa Weah- New Shiloh Baptist Church
Rowan Powell
Senator Anthony Muse - Maryland State Senate
Karla Smith - Maryland Courts
Dr. Taniesha Woods
Jamie Sheppard
Remonte Greene- Department of Human Services
Kelly Jascowitz - Maryland State Police
Delegate Susan McComas - House of Delegates
Sonia Chessen- Maryland Department of Health

Guests:

Dr. Richard Lichtenstein- DHS
Nikardi Hynes- MDH
Vanessa Milio- Independent Consultant working with 211 on EFC
Kyla Pendleton- Maryland Family Network
Dr. Wendy Lane- Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, former SCCAN
Chair
Sydni Jenkins - GOCCP
Molli Kuehn
Lisa Dominguez- Paths for Families
Nikita Sardina
Ariel Vilidnitsky
Mikaela Gold
Elizabeth diTargiani

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. CPMC-Relevant Legislation in 2026

- HB 1272: Kinship Care – input of child and factors to consider in identifying caregiver
- HB 1383: CINA-Permanency Plan requirements
- HB 1290: CINA- Child’s right to be present at CINA hearings.
- HB 915: Workgroup on Foster Youth aging out of care

III. Workgroup Updates:

- CJAC- Sydni Jenkins: Next meeting in April. NOFA expected in May.
- Healthcare- Becky Seltzer: Still working on moving forward on looking at long term health outcomes of children in foster care. Health passport is expected to be available soon.
- Achieving Racial Equity- Ted Gallo: Will be refocusing and possibly renamed.
- Essentials for Childhood: Vanessa Milio: Next meeting is on April 2nd. Christina Bethel is presenting
- Pediatric Overstays: Recently presented its interim report to the Legislature.

IV. Membership Updates

- Four vacancies. The Governor's Office of Appointments has been contacted and will not address the vacancies until May at the earliest.

V. Partner Updates:

- None