



Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee

H.L. Whitman, Jr., DFPS Commissioner

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The mission of the Department of Family and Protective Services is to protect children, the elderly and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by involving clients, families and communities.

- DFPS tracked an estimated 550 bills during session
- 97 bills passed and 91 were signed by Governor Abbott, including House Bill 5
- DFPS is focused on implementation of these important measures

DFPS is working closely with HHSC to determine how to best separate the agencies as required by HB 5 while creating no breaks in service for our clients

DFPS Transfer to HHSC:

- Adult Protective Services provider investigations
- Child Care Licensing and Residential Child Care Licensing regulatory and licensing functions
- Staff who support these functions

DFPS and HHSC are required to enter into contracts for certain shared administrative services.



- HHSC administers the STAR Health contract for children in DFPS conservatorship
- The Office of Inspector General continues to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse of services provided by DFPS.

HB 5 requires DFPS to create the following divisions:

- Consolidated Investigations Division
- Consolidated data
- Legal
- Operations
- Financial management and accounting services

DFPS will also maintain its major programmatic functions

- Workgroups

- Human Resources
- IT
- Procurement and contracting
- System Support Services
- DFPS regulatory functions
- Legal

- Steering Committee

- Decision Makers – Commissioners Smith and Whitman
- DFPS, HHSC, and Governor’s office participants

Ensure that DFPS and HHSC continue to successfully fulfill each agency's individual mission in providing uninterrupted efficient and effective services.