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**Texas Department of Family
and Protective Services**

**The State of Texas
2017 Annual Progress and Services Report**

**Title IV-B Child and Family Services Plan
Fiscal Years 2015-2019**

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
ACYF-CB-PI-16-03**

2017 Title IV-B APSR

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i. State Agency Administering the Plan

Background

The Texas child welfare system began with the Child Welfare Division created by the Texas Legislature in 1931 as a program within the Texas Board of Control. During the following decades, federal, state and county participation in services to abused and neglected children gradually increased. The Texas Family Code, created in 1974, gave the Texas Department of Public Welfare more responsibility for services to abused, neglected, truant and runaway children. Under the code, the failure to report suspected abuse or neglect of children became a misdemeanor offense.

In 1987, the Texas Legislature enacted statutory definitions of child abuse and child neglect. The definitions were incorporated into the Texas Family Code and serve to identify the jurisdiction for Child Protective Services (CPS) involvement with families. In 1992, the Texas Legislature formed the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services; and CPS, along with Adult Protective Services and Child Care Licensing, became major programs within the new agency.

In 2003, the 78th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, created the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) with the passage of House Bill 2292. Previously called the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, DFPS is charged with protecting children, adults who are elderly or have disabilities living at home or in state facilities, and licensing group day-care homes, day-care centers, and registered family homes. The agency is also charged with managing community-based programs that prevent delinquency, abuse, neglect and exploitation of Texas children, elderly and disabled adults. The department is the designated agency to administer Title IV-B, subparts 1 and 2, CAPTA Title I, and Title IV-E programs in Texas.

DFPS is the single agency designated by the Governor of Texas and by state statute that has the authority to administer child protective services consistent with the Texas Family Code section [264.007](#) and the Texas Human Resource Code at HRC [40.002](#).

Organizational charts for the Department of Family and Protective Services and Child Protective Services are provided at the end of this document. The most current approved Title IV-B Child and Family Services Plan can be found at: http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Title_IV-B_State_Plan/default.asp.

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Child Protective Services Mission, Vision and Values

In Texas, the **Child Protective Services** division serves children and youth who meet statutory guidelines for investigation or assessment and are determined to be unsafe in the home because of abuse or neglect. Through practice that secures positive and consistent results for the children, youth and families we serve, Child Protective Services aims for desired outcomes that include children and youth who are safe and feel safe; children and youth who have legal and relational permanency; and improved well-being for children, youth and families.

Mission: Child Protective Services partners with families and communities to address child abuse and neglect by practicing in a way that ensures safety, permanency, and well-being for the children and youth we serve.

Vision: Children First: Protected and Connected

Values:

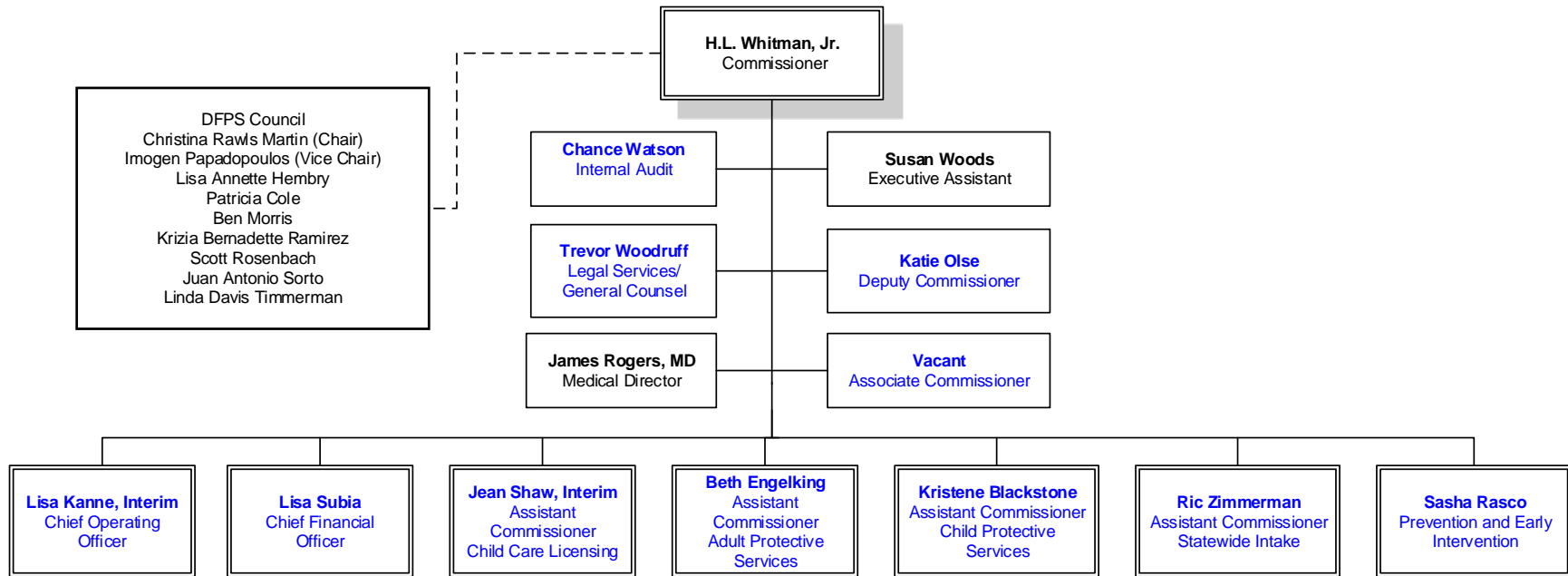
- *Respect* - We show respect to the children, youth and families we serve by demonstrating our understanding that they are more than the reason that brought them to us, and by seeking ways for respect to guide the help they receive.
- *Commitment* - We display our commitment through pursuit of the best outcome for each of the children, youth, and families we serve, knowing our interventions have important implications for them.
- *Integrity* - We demonstrate integrity by communication to the children, youth and families we serve about our purpose, how we make decisions in a way that is easily understood, and when we follow through on our words and obligations to them.
- *Equity* - We achieve equity in outcomes by applying our methods fairly and consistently, and customizing our interventions to the unique cultural and community context of the children, youth, and families we serve.
- *Urgency* - We work with a sense of urgency to reach safety, permanency, and well-being concurrently for every child and youth we serve, and this is reflected in each of our interventions.

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Child Protective Services - State Office Organizational Chart

