

## Amend Placement

- 1. Position: What is your position on the request?**
  - a. Are you fully in support of the motion? Are you opposed to the motion? Do you have a suggested modification to the request?
- 2. Materials Reviewed: What materials have you reviewed to prepare this response?**
  - a. Examples: State's motion, Declaration of Social Worker, Caregiver reports, etc.
- 3. Current Placement: Where is the child currently?**
  - a. Where is the child currently? How long has he or she been in this placement?
  - b. How many placements has this child had since coming into care?
  - c. Does the child have siblings in the current placement?
  - d. Why is this placement no longer meeting the child's needs?
- 4. Recommended Placement Change: What exactly is being requested?**
  - a. What category of placement change is being requested? (i.e., foster care to relative care, relative care to suitable other, etc.)
- 5. Reason for Placement Change: Why is the placement change being proposed?**
  - a. Why is the request being made?
  - b. Have you made any personal observations related to the need for the change in placement?
  - c. Is there a timing component or deadline that necessitates the need for a placement change?
- 6. Staffings Regarding Placement Change: What FTDMs have occurred?**
  - a. Has there been an FTDM to discuss amending placement? When did that occur? Who was present?
- 7. New Placement: What have you learned about the new placement?**
  - a. What did you observe about the new proposed placement during your home visit?
  - b. Have there been any concerns with background checks as to the individuals in the proposed placement?
  - c. What are the benefits and/or disadvantages to the proposed placement?
  - d. Are there any services or safety plans that you would recommend to put in place at the new placement?
- 8. Alternatives: Were there any alternatives to the change in placement explored?**
  - a. What alternatives were reviewed (i.e., updated safety plan)?
  - b. Why were those alternatives determined not to be feasible?
- 9. Child's Position: What does the child want?**
  - a. What is the child's position on the change in placement?
- 10. Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to undergo this placement change?

## Amend Visitation

- 1. Position: What is your position on the request?**
  - a. Are you fully in support of the motion? Are you opposed to the motion? Do you have a suggested modification to the request?
- 2. Materials Reviewed: What materials have you reviewed to prepare this response?**
  - a. Examples: State's motion, Declaration of Social Worker, Visitation notes, Correspondence from placement, etc.
- 3. Current Visitation: What visitation is currently occurring?**
  - a. What is the frequency and duration of the visitation?
  - b. When do visits occur?
  - c. What level of supervision, if any, is currently in place?
  - d. How long have the visits been occurring? Has the parent regularly attended visits?
- 4. Recommended Visitation Change: What exactly is being requested?**
  - a. What visitation change is being requested?
    - i. Supervision level? (i.e., monitored to supervised)
    - ii. Location? (i.e., moving visits into the community)
    - iii. Frequency/Duration? (i.e., from 2 to 3 times per week)
    - iv. Content? (i.e., therapeutic visits)
- 5. Reason for Visitation Change: Why is the visitation change being proposed?**
  - a. Why is the request being made?
  - b. Have you made any personal observations related to the need for the change in visitation?
  - c. Have you reviewed any documents or otherwise obtain any information (from foster parent, transporter, etc.) that supports the need for the change in visitation?
- 6. New Visitation: What will the new visitation plan look like?**
  - a. What will the new visitation plan look like?
  - b. Are there any services or safety plans that you would recommend for the new visitation plan?
- 7. Child's Position: What does the child want?**
  - a. What is the child's position on the proposed change in visitation?
- 8. Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to undergo this change in visitation?

## Dismissing Dependency

- 1. Position: What is your position on the request?**
  - a. Are you fully in support of the motion? Are you opposed to the motion? Do you have a suggested modification to the request?
- 2. Materials Reviewed: What materials have you reviewed to prepare this response?**
  - a. Examples: State's motion, Declaration of Social Worker, etc.
- 3. Current In-Home Placement: What is the child's current situation?**
  - a. When was the child placed with the parent?
  - b. How was the transition to in-home?
- 4. CASA/GAL Role: What have you completed to approve the in-home placement?**
  - a. When were you last in the home?
    - i. What did you observe when you were last in the home?
  - b. Have you completed background checks on all adults in the home?
    - i. Are there any concerns with the background checks?
- 5. Parental Services: What have the parents completed?**
  - a. What services have the parents completed?
    - i. Generally, what have been the compliance and progress reports?
- 6. Child's Position: What does the child want?**
  - a. What is the child's position on the dismissal of the dependency?
- 7. Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to dismiss this dependency?

## **GAL/CASA Withdrawal**

- 1. Age and Status: How old is the child and what is their status?**
  - a. How old is the child?
  - b. Are they legally free?
  - c. Are they going into extended foster care?
- 2. Other Representation: Is the child represented by counsel?**
  - a. Who is the child's attorney?
  - b. When was the attorney appointed?
- 3. Legally Free: What is the current status of the legally free child?**
  - a. Is the child in an adoptive placement?
    - i. How long has the child been in that placement?
  - b. What is the status of the adoptive homestudy?
  - c. Are there any anticipated barriers to completing the adoption within the 6 month deadline?
- 4. Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to for you to withdraw?
  - b. Are they adequately supported by the social worker and attorney without your involvement?

## Medications and Medical Treatment

- 1. Position: What is your position on the request?**
  - a. Are you fully in support of the motion? Are you opposed to the motion? Do you have a suggested modification to the request?
- 2. Materials Reviewed: What materials have you reviewed to prepare this response?**
  - a. Examples: State's motion, Declaration of Social Worker, Letter from physician, Medical records, Etc.
- 3. Recommended Medical Care: What exactly is being recommended?**
  - a. What is the proposed procedure or medication?
  - b. What medical provider has recommended the medical care?
  - c. When was the recommendation made?
  - d. If a medical procedure, has the procedure been scheduled?
- 4. Reason for Medical Care: Why is the medical treatment being proposed?**
  - a. Why is the recommendation being made?
  - b. Have you made any personal observations related to the need for the medical treatment or medications?
- 5. Risks: Are there any known risks associated with the medical care?**
  - a. What potential risks are there?
  - b. What will be done to mitigate the risks? (i.e., has the caregiver been provided with follow up instructions?)
- 6. Follow Up: What kind of follow-up care has been arranged?**
  - a. Have there been arrangements for a follow-up visit after the procedure or start of the medication? When is that set to occur?
- 7. Alternatives: Were there any alternatives to the medical care explored?**
  - a. What alternatives were reviewed?
  - b. Why were those alternatives determined not to be feasible?
- 8. Child's Position: What does the child want?**
  - a. What is the child's position on the medical procedure or medication?
- 9. Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to undergo this medical care?

## Request for Attorney for Youth

1. **Age and Maturity: How old is the child?**
  - a. How old is the child?
  - b. If the child is under 12, are they particularly mature for their age?
2. **Youth Request: Has the child specifically request an attorney?**
  - a. Have you discussed appointment of an attorney with the child (12+)?
  - b. Has the child specifically articulated a request for an attorney?
    - i. When was that request made?
3. **Specific Issues: Is there a particular reason the child wants or would benefit from an attorney?**
  - a. Does the child have a specific request regarding placement that an attorney can address?
  - b. Does the child have a specific request regarding visitation that an attorney can address?
  - c. Does the child have a specific request regarding the permanent plan that an attorney can address?
  - d. Does the child have a specific request regarding education that an attorney can address?
  - e. Does the child have a specific request regarding medication that an attorney can address?
  - f. Does the child have a specific concern regarding his or her immigration status that an attorney can address?
  - g. Is the child a victim in an ongoing criminal case? Is that criminal case related to the dependency in any way?
  - h. Are there any other special or specific issues whereby the child would benefit from having counsel to advocate on his or her behalf?
4. **Best Interest: What is in the best interest of the child?**
  - a. Is it in the child's best interest to be appointed an attorney?