

**OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes

June 14, 2011 Meeting

Members Present: Judge Christine Keller, Marie McPadden, Harry Romanowitz, Virginia Shiller

Members Excused: Sue Cousineau, Shelley Geballe

OCA Staff Present: Jeanne Milstein, Sharon Dexler

The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:10AM

Old Business:

Legislative Priorities:

- Raise the Age – Governor Malloy incorporated money for Raise the Age into his budget proposal; passed.
- Recommendations from the Educational Investigation – passed.
- Congregate Care – A bill which would require that children under 6 not be placed in congregate care is making its way through the legislative process; did not pass.

Update by Child Advocate:

Adoped biennial budget : Office of the Child Advocate – The Office of the Child Advocate will be merged with 8 other “watchdog” agencies to form the Office of Governmental Accountability on July 1, 2011. The OCA will report to the head of the Office of Governmental Accountability for administrative/back office functions only. The OCA Advisory Committee will be reconfigured. Members will be appointed by the Governor, the Senate President Pro Tem, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House, the House Majority Leader and the House Minority Leader. No member shall be associated with any agency or entity that is overseen by OCA.

New Business:

The Future – Since this is the last meeting of the present OCA Advisory Committee, Jeanne thanked the members for their service and commitment to the children of Connecticut and the Office of the Child Advocate.

Adjournment– Meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM.