



**Outcomes and Evaluation Issue
Advisory Committee Report –
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Progress to Date

- Performance monitoring starts with clear definitions of the outcomes to be achieved.
 - Completed
- Indicators are used to measure outcomes.
 - Taking one last look at disproportionality measures
- But, what one does (the process), and how well one does it (quality), is whether one achieves what one sets out to accomplish (outcomes).
 - Legal and Practice Advisory Committee

January – March Meetings

- Met with David Marshall (CA) to discuss current measures, as well as possibilities for the future.
 - Today, CA uses Priority Performance Measures that incorporates 21 indicators.
 - Have ability to include committee recommendations in future enhancements.
- Marian Harris prepared a paper on disproportionality.
 - Reviewing measures used by WSIPP and those defined in the Racial Disproportionality Task Force report.

Definitions of Outcomes

- **Safety**
 - Children in Washington’s child welfare system will be protected from abuse and neglect.
- **Permanency and Stability**
 - Children in Washington’s child welfare system will experience stability and permanency in their living situations.
- **Well-Being**
 - Children in Washington’s child welfare system will receive care that meets their physical health, mental health, educational, social/emotional, and cultural needs.

Performance Indicators

- Comments from the December TDC meeting have been included in most recent draft of outcomes.
- Have continued to review and finalize each and every indicator to be measured.

Next Steps

- Finalize Indicators
 - Review if another indicator needs to be added for racial disproportionality if each and every measure listed is to be broken down by child age, race/ethnicity, and tribal affiliation.
- Develop two sets of performance outcomes for Phase II – 1) cases transferred and 2) new cases being assigned.

Next Steps (continued)

- Work with CA, as well as Legal and Practice Advisory Committee in developing process of care and quality of care measures.
- Work with Site Selection Advisory Committee in developing evaluation criteria for Phase II.