Action items identified at 10/15/19 meeting of the GOC with chairs and leads of JUD/HHS:

1. Presentation of strategies and initiatives to improve child welfare by Director Landry. This presentation could be tailored to a particular audience/committee, if preferred. One presentation would be to the Judiciary Committee, with an invitation to representatives of the Judiciary Branch to be scheduled prior to January and the other to a wider legislative audience, possibly via a meeting of the Children Caucus.

2. Increase understanding of participation of stakeholders representing those engaged in the judicial processes related to child protective matters. Whom has OCFS engaged as stakeholders in the mapping of initiatives with regard to court system elements of child welfare system?

3. Increase understanding of the impacts to the judicial system over the past year to 18-months as related to the reported increase of child protective cases.

4. Explore the feasibility of including information on the OCFS data-dashboard regarding impacts on the court system.

5. Track the receipt of federal Family First Program funds aimed at secondary prevention efforts. Is this money flowing and how is it being spent? Are legislative actions required to receive or maximize these funds?

6. Track the progress of related bills carried over on the Special Appropriations Table – specifically (the following LDs are included on the tracking document distributed on 10/15);
   a. LD 115 An Act to Appropriate Funds for Home Visiting Services to provide Child Development Education and Skills Development for New Parents;
   b. LD 633 An Act to Create a Permanent Navigator Position within DHHS;
   c. LD 1039 Resolve to Establish and Fund Intervention for At-Risk Families and Children; and
   d. LD 1417 An Act to Expand Access to Head Start to Assist Opioid-Affected and Other At-Risk Families.

7. [Communication] Develop a plan to facilitate communication between JUD and HHS committees.

8. [Big picture/process]Examine our structure with regard to addressing complicated, cross-jurisdictional issues with the assistance of NCSL.