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1 Lansing, Michigan 2 Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 9:09 a.m. ٦ MS. BRENNAN: Good morning. It is now 9:09 a.m. It is Tuesday, October 12th, 2021. We are on the record for 4 the first of two hearings for rule set 2020-02 HS, Child 5 6 Placing Agencies. My name is Mary Brennan. I am from the 7 DHHS Bureau of Legal Affairs and the Regulatory Affairs 8 Officer for the Department. To my left I would like to 9 introduce our subject matter experts for the hearing, starting with Ms. Angie. Angie, introduce yourself and 10 please state your position with DHHS. 11 MS. HULL: Angela Hull, program manager in the 12 13 Division of Child Welfare Licensing. 14 MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Our other expert is Ms. 15 Jessica. Jessica, same? 16 MS. VANDENHEUVEL: Jessica VandenHeuvel, DCWL area 17 manager. 18 MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Okay. Housekeeping 19 before we begin. The hearing will be recorded for the 20 purposes of transcription and transparency. Please approach 21 the podium if you would like to make a statement. Provide 22 your name, spell last name for the transcriptionist -- oh, I 23 forgot to introduce Ms. Marcy is our transcriptionist for 24 today -- and any organization you may be speaking on behalf 25 of, then provide your comment. One person at a time. While Page 3

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15 Comments for the public hearing ends Friday, 16 October 15th. If you have further comments, please send 17 them to the MDHHS-AdminRules@michigan.gov e-mail box. 18 Please note, any e-mail sent to a DHHS staff person 19 regarding comment to the public hearing and not sent to this 20 administrative rules e-mail box will not be considered for 21 public comment. Rule status is available at: 2.2 https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us. A copy of the hearing 23 transcript will be available at the adminrules 24 e-mail box. Please wait -- how long, two weeks? 25 (Nodding head in affirmative) **REPORTER:** Page 4

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1 MS. BRENNAN: Please wait two weeks before 2 requesting a comment (sic). Any questions before we start ٦ taking public comment? Okay. The microphone is open for 4 public comment. Please approach if you would like to make a 5 comment at today's hearing. 6 LARA BOUSE 7 MS. LARA BOUSE: Good morning. Lara Bouse, 8 B-o-u-s-e, Fostering Forward Michigan. Having worked in 9 conjunction with the Department in reviewing these rules and reviewing them as intended today, I have three comments I'd 10 like to make or three rules I'd like to comment on. 11 12 The first one is 400.12328(1) on the Foster Home 13 Record. We would like to strike the word "electronic" as it 14 provides a barrier to non-contracted agencies to doing this 15 important work. We would like to have language that 16 suggests keeping the record in a manner as prescribed by the 17 Department instead. Rule 12 -- 400.12713 Adoption 18 Placement, we would like language added to maintain records 19 for all adoptions, not just those for children of the Child 20 Welfare System under DHHS. Rule 400.12403(3), we are 21 adamant that this language needs to remain and shall not be 22 changed. Not having this language has proven to reduce --23 is proven to increase barriers. This language reduces 24 barriers for cooperation in cross agency placements now 25 known as borrowed beds, and allows foster homes more Page 5

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2	matter what agency they're working with.
3	And that's it. Otherwise, we're in full agreement
4	with the rules as intended.
5	MS. BRENNAN: Thank you very much. Marcy, off the
6	record, please. 115627
7	(Off the record)
8	MS. BRENNAN: We're back on the record on 2020-02
9	HS, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 12:00 o'clock noon.
10	The public hearing for Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 has
11	ended. The next public hearing will be tomorrow, Wednesday,
12	October 13th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.
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1 Lansing, Michigan 2 Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 9:03 a.m. 3 MS. BRENNAN: Good morning. It is now 9:03 a.m. 4 on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021. We are on the record for the second of two hearings for rule set 2020-02 HS, Child 5 6 Placing Agencies. My name is Mary Brennan. I'm from the 7 DHHS Bureau of Legal Affairs and the regulatory officer for 8 the Department. I would like to introduce our subject 9 matter experts for the hearing, starting with Angela on my left. 10 MS. HULL: Angela Hull, program manager with the 11 12 Division of Child Welfare Licensing. 13 MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. Our other expert is Ms. 14 Jessica. 15 MS. VANDENHEUVEL: Jessica VandenHeuvel, area 16 manager for Division of Child Welfare Licensing. 17 MS. BRENNAN: And our transcriptionist for today 18 is Ms. Marcy. Housekeeping notifications before we begin. 19 The hearing will be recorded for purposes of transparency 20 and transcription. Please approach the podium if you would 21 like to make a statement. Provide your name, spell your 22 last name for the transcriptionist and any organization you 23 may be speaking on behalf of, then provide your comment. 24 One person shall speak at a time. All your comments are 25 invaluable to the public hearing. We ask that you respect Page 3

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the public hearing process and keep comments respectable and not disrupt the hearing process for all. This is a state building, we are required to wear masks at all times to protect the public. Please follow this mandate during your time at this hearing.

There will be one 15-minute break at 10:00 a.m. 6 7 and there will be one 45-minute break for lunch at 12:00 8 o'clock noon. Restrooms, down the hall to your right. 9 There's a snack shop at the end of the hall to your right. 10 It is offering free coffee -- very strong this morning --11 and popcorn, and there are also wrapped up snacks and 12 bottles of soft drinks for your choosing. For lunch, if you 13 go straight down one block to Washington, on your left and 14 right there are a number of restaurants that you may enjoy 15 lunch at.

16 Comments for the public hearing ends Friday, 17 October 15th. If you have any further comments, please send 18 them to the MDHHS-AdminRules@michigan.gov. Please note, any 19 e-mail sent to a DHHS staff person regarding comment to this 20 public hearing and not sent to the e-mail box, adminrule 21 e-mail box, will not be considered for public comment. The 22 rule status is available at ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us. Α 23 copy of the hearing transcript will be made available at the 2.4 administrative rule hearing e-mail box. Please wait two 25 weeks before requesting a copy. Are there any questions Page 4

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1 with regard to housekeeping? Does anyone wish to make a 2 public comment at this time? Okay. Marcy, can you go off 3 the record until we have a comment? Thank you. 4 (Off the record) 5 MS. BRENNAN: It is now 9:55 a.m. on October 13th, 6 2021. The panel will be on a 15-minute break. Thank you. 7 Off the record. 8 (Off the record) 9 Okay. We're back on the record on MS. BRENNAN: 2020-02 HS, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 10:16 a.m. 10 11 If anyone would like to make a public comment, please step 12 Okay. Marcy, please go off the record. forward. 13 REPORTER: Off. 14 MS. BRENNAN: Thank you. 15 (Off the record) 16 MS. BRENNAN: We're back on the record on 2020-02 17 HS, Child Placing Agencies. It is now 12:00 o'clock noon. 18 We will be taking an hour break and we will resume with the 19 Foster Home rules at 1:00 o'clock. The Child Placing Agency 20 rule set has now been closed. Thank you. 21 (Proceedings concluded at 12:00 p.m.) 22 23 -0-0-0-24 25 Page 5

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