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Dear Mr. Harrington and Staff to the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to correct your information about the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. You have identified it as Advisory instead of Governance. I was instrumental in drafting the charter provisions related to the Committee. The charter says that the Committee “shall” approve the budget of DCYF and the planning documents on which the budget is based, as well as the process for developing those documents. The budget approval is both the approval of the DCYF budget and the overall budget for grants (as opposed to specific agencies that receive those grants). The Committee “shall” also participate in the evaluation and recruitment of the DCYF director, and it “shall” create the Service Provider Working Group. I consider those very important governance responsibilities. It was the clear intent of the authors of this section of the charter that the committee be a governance committee. The section of the charter is: 16.108-1 (b) (2 – 4).

I would be happy to discuss this with you. Thank you so much for your consideration.

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