**Section 316.130 Caseworker Responsibilities at the Permanency Hearing**

a) The caseworker's responsibilities at the permanency hearing will be to:

1) present a recommendation regarding the permanency goal, time frame for achievement, clinical intervention, social services, and Visitation and Contact Plans;

2) report on the placement, best interests, health, safety and well-being of the child or youth;

3) report on the progress of the parent or parents to date toward compliance with the case plan and progress toward correcting the conditions that require the child or youth to be in care; and

4) provide the basis for all decisions and recommendations.

b) Within 10 working days after the permanency hearing, the caseworker will:

1) amend the case plan to conform to the court order, if necessary;

2) attach a copy of the permanency order to the amended case plan (as well as ensuring that a copy of the order is in the case record);

3) engage the family to ensure that the family understands the recommendations and decisions made at the permanency hearing and obtain the family's signature on the case plan;

4) file six copies of the case plan with the court, or electronically file the case plan with the court and electronically distribute it to all parties when the parties have consented to electronic service. If a party does not consent to electronic service, then the case plan will be distributed by U.S. mail; and

5) send a copy of the case plan to the Administrative Case Review Office Administrator/Scheduler in the region where the next administrative case review will be held.

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