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Indigent Legal Services Task Force Second Meeting

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The Indigent Legal Services Task Force created by HB 1064 during the 2023 Legislative session will meet remotely via zoom at the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86210278053?pwd=YU91ZmEycitvYWtBTDFhVWhuRVZmZz09> and will also be available for in-person participation in Room 412 of the State Capitol on April 26, 2023, beginning at 10 a.m. CST. The meeting will be livestreamed at <https://www.sd.net/>. This is the second meeting of the Task Force.

The goal of this Task Force as stated in the legislation is to:

1. Identify how legal services are delivered in South Dakota to indigent parties in criminal, juvenile and child abuse and neglect proceedings statewide;
2. Recommend ways to improve the delivery of legal services to indigent parties;
3. Recommend methods to provide services for conflict cases where local public defenders may be unable to take cases;
4. Address how to ensure competent representation is provided to indigent parties; and
5. Identify potential funding options to ensure delivery of legal services for indigent parties.

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