Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 21-17 SOP 4.29.2 Transition Planning for Youth Aging Out of OOHC or Extending Commitment and Corresponding forms. The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate

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1. **Comment:** Staff feel that we should do a dual commitment for all people with a IQ under 70 that we recommit so that the transition is smoother on their 21st birthday instead of having to wait and file Guardianship, etc… Staff feel there should be a dual commitment at age 18 and DCBS should be the lead until they turn 21.

**Response:** DCBS has an agreement with the Division of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) (Guardianship) that DCBS does not file for guardianship for youth in DCBS care until the youth is at least 20.5 years old. This agreement is in place because DCBS has more available resources for these youth. The exception to this agreement (to obtain dual commitment before age 20.5) should only occur in situations where a youth is at risk of not cooperating with extending their commitment or remaining on extended commitment until they transition out of care at age 21. In those situations, guardianship will only be pursued for recommitment purposes and Guardianship will make the decision for the youth to extend or remain on extended commitment.