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Hearing Date: 4/21/2021

Today's Date: 4/28/2021

Agency: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Rule Number(s): 5101:2-5-08, 5101:2-5-11, 5101:2-5-17

If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☐

List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

1. Richard Tvaroch, Trumbull County Children Services, 5101:2-5-11

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Hearing Summary Report

Consolidated Summary of Comments Received

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Trumbull County Children Services (TCCS) commented that while they appreciated earlier changes made by ODJFS as a result of stakeholder comment, the rule could be further enhanced by the following:

- Adding language establish mandatory time frames for the initiation and completion of complaint investigations.
- Adding a requirement that the Paragraph C notification be provided in writing and include the date that the complaint was received, a description of the allegation(s), and a summary of the specific rules that the agency/ facility allegedly violated.

TCCS argued that the new language would improve the complaint handling process by increasing accountability, transparency, and communication.

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Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)

Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s).
If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.

No comments were incorporated into the rule as a result of the above testimony. The suggested additions by TCCS in the Administrative Code would implement regulations on the agency itself and not those entities certified by ODJFS, as authorized by relevant ORC statute.

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