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**Meeting with Director George H. Sheldon
May 19, 2015**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. LAC concerns; Violations to policy that affect the safety and well-being of children in care.
 - a. Shortage of bilingual staff/recruitment
 - b. Retention
 - i. Disparity in case distribution between monolingual and bilingual staff.
 - ii. Disconnection between OES, BURGOS Coordinator and Affirmative Action.
 - c. Lack of Burgos Homes
 - i. Children remaining in shelters longer than needed.
 - ii. Children in non-Burgos homes which is a direct violation to the Burgos Consent Decree.
- III. Other
 - a. Communication Requirements
 - i. Ongoing meetings, exchange of communication, etc.