Legal Questions from Task Force Meeting #1

- Are the three Task Forces considered separate bodies or one single body? The Task Forces are separate bodies.

- Can coworkers on different Task Forces talk with each other about Task Force items? Task Force members on separate Task Forces may talk to each other; Task Force members on the same Task Force may not discuss topics to be decided by the Task Force.

- Is there somewhere to send communication or public records for retention? As a decentralized agency, the Department maintains public records in each district throughout the state. There is no single location for public records retention. Questions regarding Task Force communications should be addressed to the Department’s Public Information Office.

- Is any communication/questions to Task Force members about MCORES immediately a public record? Florida law, including Chapter 119, F.S., determines what constitutes a public record. Task Force related communications and/or questions that have been memorialized will likely be considered a public record. Should questions regarding public records arise, the Department’s Office of General Counsel will assist with the request.