Checks and balances are an important part of child welfare work. Because of the fragile nature of relationships between children and adults, consultation ensures best interest decisions are being made for children in planning. In Oregon there is a committee that reviews permanency plans for children. That committee is called a Permanency Committee. Permanency Committees can look at what permanency plan is most appropriate for individual children and families.

Tasks / Assignments:
- Review the Legal Permanency, Concurrent Planning, and Use of Permanency Committee policy I-E.3.6.
- Review the Foster Parent Request for consideration as a current caretaker policy I-G.1.1.
- Sit with an experienced worker who is preparing for a Permanency Committee.
- Attend a couple of Permanency Committees in which different plans are being considered.

Discoveries:
- What types of decisions are made by Permanency Committees?
- Was the committee process helpful to the caseworker who presented?
- What should be involved in preparing for a Permanency Committee? What paperwork is involved and what goes to committee members?