



Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council
Office of Adoption & Child Protection
Executive Office of the Governor

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND PERMANENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Wednesday, 6 February 2008, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Supreme Court Building, Tallahassee, Florida

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- **Jim Kallinger**, Chief Child Advocate and Director, Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Andrea Raasch, LCSW**, Licensed Clinical Director, Camelot Community Care, Inc.
- **Angela Orkin**, Executive Director, Guardian ad Litem Office
- **Barbara Foster, Ph.D.**, Deputy Chief Child Advocate and Director, Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Barbara Griffin**, Deputy Director, Agency for Workforce Innovation
- **Cassandra D. Jenkins**, Assistant Secretary for Prevention & Victim Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- **Christie Ferris**, Director, PCA Florida, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
- **Connie Shingledecker**, Investigative Bureau Chief, Manatee County Sheriff's Office
- **Cyndee Odom**, Consultant and Adoptive Parent
- **Daniel Dawson**, Circuit Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit
- **George Hinchliffe**, Executive Director, Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties, Inc
- **George Sheldon**, Assistant Secretary of Operations, Florida Department of Children and Families
- **Georgia "Joy" Bowen**, VP, Florida School Boards Association
- **Graciela "Graci" McGillicuddy**, Child Advocate and Community Philanthropist
- **Iris C. Wilson**, K-12 Deputy Chancellor, Florida Department of Education
- **Julie Hurst**, Executive Director, Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center
- **Ken Littlefield**, Executive Director, Statewide Advocacy Council
- **Leonel "Leo" Mesa, Jr., Psy.D., LMHC**, President/CEO, Reflections Wellness Center
- **Lilli Copp**, Director, Head Start State Collaboration Office
- **Marilyn "Bunny" Finney**, Brevard County Community Alliance
- **Mark Perlman, M.A.**, Founder and President, Center for Growth and Development
- **Matthew Claps**, Senior Management Analyst II, Operations, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- **Michael "Mike" Haney, Ph.D., NCC, LMHC**, Division Director for Prevention and Intervention, Children's Medical Services, Florida Department of Health
- **Nancy Crawford**, Executive Director, Kids House of Seminole, Inc., Children's Advocacy Center
- **Patricia "Trish" Nelliuss-Guthrie**, CEO, Community Based Care of Brevard, Inc.
- **Peter A. Gorski, M.D., M.P.A.**, Director of Program Impact and Innovation, Children's Board of Hillsborough County, Professor of Public Health, Pediatrics and Psychiatry, USF
- **Sandy Neidert**, Senior Court Operations Consultant, Office of the State Court Administrator, Office of Court Improvement, Florida State Courts
- **Sheila Hopkins**, Associate Director for Social Concerns/ Respect Life, Florida Catholic Conference.
- **Suzanne Gellens, M.S.**, Executive Director, Early Childhood Association of Florida
- **Terry Thomas**, Special Agent, Crimes Against Children Unit, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

OTHER INVITED PRESENTERS/DISCUSSANTS IN ATTENDANCE

- **Bob Sharpe**, President/CEO, Florida Council on Community Mental Health
- **David Fairbanks**, Deputy Secretary for Programs, Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- **Dennis Embry**, CEO/President, PAXIS
- **Ellen Piekalkiewicz**, Executive Director, Florida Substance Abuse & Mental Health Corporation
- **Josephine “JC” Gamboa**, Executive Director, Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives
- **Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran**, Director of Programs, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Kate Lyon**, Director, Mental Health Program, DCF
- **Kay Doughty**, VP of Family & Community Services, Operation PAR
- **Mark Fontaine**, Executive Director, FL Alcohol & Drug Abuse Association (FADAA)
- **Nancy Hamilton**, CEO, Operation PAR and FADAA Board Chair
- **Senta Goudy**, SPF SIG Coordinator, DCF
- **Skip Forsyth**, Prevention Team Leader, Substance Abuse Program, DCF
- **Stephenie Colston**, Director, Substance Abuse Program, DCF
- **Trula Motta**, Director, Office of Domestic Violence, DCF

OTHER GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- **Andrea Meyer**, Florida State University
- **Bobbi Markiewicz**, Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies
- **Carol McNally**, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
- **Deborah Russo**, Department of Children and Families
- **Elizabeth Schlien**, Department of Children and Families
- **Emily McAllister**, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Jackie Green**, Department of Children and Families, Circuit 4
- **Janet Evans**, Department of Health
- **Jennifer Stan**, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Jillian Reding**, Executive Office of the Governor
- **Johana Hatcher**, Department of Children and Families
- **Marsha Mathes**, Florida Substance Abuse & Mental Health Corporation
- **Peggy Scheuermann**, Department of Health and the Florida Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
- **Vivian Alarcon**, Florida Children’s Services Council

MINUTES – DRAFT #1

1. Jim Kallinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. **Introductions** were made through the use of two council-based asset maps: one depicting the vision statements of the members and the second depicting the mission statements of the organizations represented by the members at the council table. Members whose information was missing were encouraged to send their information in to Barbara Foster so that theirs could be added to the asset maps. A copy of the *2007 Annual Report* of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection was provided to the members.
2. The council members reviewed the **minutes** of the 29 November 2007 meeting of the council. The members unanimously approved the motion made by Mike Haney and seconded by Connie Shingledecker to accept the minutes as written.

3. **Chapter 39 Cooperative Planning Efforts** – Jim Kallinger discussed the statutes that prescribe the work of the two cooperative planning teams: §39.001(8) b.2. (e.g., education of parents and school district personnel), §39.001(8) b.2. (e.g., education of law enforcement personnel), §39.001(8) b.5. (e.g., education of children, K-12), and §39.0015 (e.g., education of parents, teacher, staff and children). Copies of the handout can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.
4. **Law Enforcement Cooperative Planning Team Report** – Terry Thomas, Special Agent, Crimes Against Children Unit, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, provided the report of the cooperative planning team. The minutes from the 14 January 2008 meeting of the team were provided to the members. Electronic copies of the updated *Juvenile Handbook* were distributed to the members. A copy of the minutes and the handbook can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.
5. **Education Cooperative Planning Team Report** – Barbara Foster, Deputy Chief Child Advocate, Executive Office of the Governor, provided the report of the cooperative planning team. The minutes from the 4 January 2008 meeting of the team were provided to the members. A copy of the minutes can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting. The council members were invited to participate in the next meeting of the team which was set for Thursday, 7 February 2008 at the Department of Education.
6. **Set up for Planning Efforts** – Jim Kallinger, Chief Child Advocate, Executive Office of the Governor, reviewed the timeline set for the council through December 2008. The 14 March 2008 meeting was moved from Gainesville to Tallahassee, because of the conflict with the Gator Nationals that will be held that week in Gainesville and the surrounding area. The focus of the March meeting will be adoption promotion and support. Barbara Foster will send out a “blackout date” calendar to the members to identify the best period for a two-day meeting in July 2008. This meeting will include reviews of the circuit plans and developing action plans for the state.
7. **Substance Abuse Prevention** – What the Advisory Council needs to know in order to prevent substance abuse in Florida (e.g., evidence-based programs, practices and tenets; Florida’s landscape)

Mark Fontaine, Executive Director, FL Alcohol & Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) and Nancy Hamilton, CEO Operation PAR and FADAA Board Chair provided information on the connection between substance abuse and child maltreatment. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting. Most (70%) child maltreatment cases stem from alcohol or other drug abuse by parents. The first line interventionists are law enforcement, medical, education and faith-based practitioners (i.e., “cops, docs, teachers, preachers”). Currently there is no deliberate plan or cross-training of these folks on what they can do to assist with prevention efforts.

Stephenie Colston, Director, Substance Abuse Program, DCF spoke on behalf of the DCF program office and on behalf of Bill Janes, Director of the Governor’s Office of Drug Control and Assistant Secretary of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DCF. Copies of the talking points can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting. The fiscal impacts of substance abuse and the relationship of substance abuse, mental illness and gang activity were discussed along with the DCF led prevention activities which fall under six general strategies:

- Information dissemination
- Education/training
- Alternative activities
- Problem identification & referral
- Community mobilization
- Environmental strategies

8. **Mental Health**– What the Advisory Council needs to know in order to prevent exogenously induced mental illness due to child maltreatment and ameliorate endogenous mental illness in Florida (e.g., evidence-based programs, practices and tenets; Florida’s landscape).

Bob Sharpe, President/CEO, Florida Council on Community Mental Health discussed the adverse effects on mental health resulting from child maltreatment as well as risk of child maltreatment stemming from parental mental illness. The intergenerational issues and logic frameworks were discussed. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.

Ellen Piekalkiewicz, ED, Florida Substance Abuse & Mental Health Corporation discussed and distributed a copy of the 2007 Annual Report. A copy of this report can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting or http://www.sambcorp.org/pdf/2007_SAMHCorp_Annual_Report.pdf. The report underscores the need for funding for prevention and early response to substance abuse and mental health needs. Additionally the 2003 FSU Florida Infant and Young Child Mental Health Pilot Project was described with its successes and cost savings.

Dr. Kate Lyon, Director, Mental Health Program, DCF discussed the focus of Children’s Mental Health which has been working in the area of early intervention and prevention for several years and the two major initiatives to address these concerns, Infant Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care. A copy of the talking points can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.

9. **Domestic Violence Prevention** – What the Advisory Council needs to know in order to prevent domestic violence in Florida (e.g., evidence-based programs, practices and tenets, Florida’s landscape). Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran, Director of Programs, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Trula Motta, Director, Office of Domestic Violence, DCF presented information about Florida’s domestic violence programs. All 42 domestic violence shelters are engaged in planning for and working with their communities in the primary prevention of domestic violence. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.
10. The “**Kernel**” Approach to the **Syndemics** Model was introduced by Dennis Embry, CEO/President, PAXIS and Kay Doughty, VP of Family & Community Services, Operation PAR. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting. Syndemics are multiple related afflictions. Syndemic structures of child abuse and substance abuse:
- Are caused by the same biological agent (e.g., disturbed serotonin, dopamine, & stress chemistry; low-omega-3, hi omega-6).
 - Share risk or protective behaviors (e.g., substance abuse, school failure, violence, teen pregnancy, and post-partum depression all involve low expressed warmth from family and community adults and high negative emotion).
 - Respond to similar environmental conditions (e.g., increased media violence; perceived stress or loss of status).
 - Have reciprocal or interdependent effects (e.g., violence exposure and substance abuse can reinforce each other, exacerbating both conditions).
 - Are managed by the same or similar organizations.

Evidenced based kernels are fundamental units of behavioral influence. An evidence-based kernel is an indivisible procedure empirically shown to produce reliable effects on behavior, including psychological processes (Embry, 2004). The unit is indivisible in the sense that it would be ineffective upon elimination of any of its components. A kernel may increase or decrease the frequency of a behavior. It can have its impact by altering antecedent or consequent events in the psychological environment of the person or it can affect behavior by directly manipulating a physiological function. Kernels, by definition, target a single behavior, whereas programs typically target multiple behaviors. Kernels can work individually or at

cultural level. They may be combined for “recipes” for change (i.e., combinations and permutations of antecedent, reinforcement, relational frame and physiological kernels).

RE-AIM is an acronym that consists of five elements or dimensions that relate to health behavior interventions. R = Reach the target population; E = Efficacy or effectiveness; A = Adoption by target settings or institutions; I = Implementation consistency of deliver of interventions; and M = Maintenance of intervention effects in individuals and populations over time.

Dr. Embry facilitated a “table-top planning simulation” using the omega-3 kernel as the example. A copy of the planning form can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.

11. Presentation & Q/A – Florida’s Child Abuse **Death Review** Team’s 2007 Annual Report was distributed and discussed by Major Connie Shingledecker, Investigative Bureau Chief, Manatee County Sheriff’s Office. A copy of the report and the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting. In 2006, 206,041 reports were made to the child abuse hotline. Of these, 408 were reports involving child deaths. Only 170 (42 %) of these deaths were reviewed by the state team. More children died from neglect than from abuse. Drowning (30.8%), physical trauma (23.5%) and suffocation (12.9%) were the three leading causes of child death. Of concern by the team and some of the members of the council was the fact that all child deaths were not reviewed by the state team.
12. Presentation & Q/A – Florida’s Approach to the **Prevention of Substance Abuse**: The Public Health Model. Skip Forsyth, Prevention Team Leader, Substance Abuse Program, DCF and Senta Goudy, SPF SIG Coordinator, DCF discussed SAMHSA’s strategic prevention framework (a 5-year grant awarded in 2004) and outcome based prevention, highlighting the use of logic models as frameworks for planning and for evaluation. Copies of the logic models and the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.
13. Presentation & Q/A – Strategic Prevention: **Strengthening Marriage and Families** Josephine “JC” Gamboa, ED, Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives introduced the Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives, its statutory charge, and possible ways the commission could be of assistance to the council through its ability to research evidence-based programs and practices and assist with skill-building in the state. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at http://www.flgov.com/ca_feb_meeting.
14. Presentation & Q/A – **DCF Data Request Response Options** were discussed by Dr. David Fairbanks, Deputy Secretary for Programs, DCF. At the November meeting, the council members expressed a need for information related to prevention, adoption and former foster children as adults. For the recommendation for the prevention item (case reviews to determine the extent that prevention programs could prevent families from entering the child welfare system), it was suggested that this could be requested of the local planning teams. For the adoption item (tracking the status and wellbeing of adopted children after finalization and into adulthood), the DCF did not have a recommendation at this time. For the former foster children as adults item (tracking children served by child welfare into adulthood), DCF will develop a system to conform with the requirements (not yet final) in the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.
15. Wrap Up and Announcements
16. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. *The next meeting will be held in Tallahassee on 14 March 2008 at the Florida Supreme Court Building.*