

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET
TUESDAY, June 16, 2009 @ 12:30 pm
MEETING MINUTES
United Way of Miami-Dade ☐The Ansin Building
Miami, Florida

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please contact sharon.read@eog.myflorida.com for instructions on obtaining a DVD of the proceedings.

Children and Youth Cabinet Members in attendance:

- Jeff Kottkamp, Lieutenant Governor, State of Florida
- Jim Kallinger, Chief Child Advocate, Governor's Office
- Lorraine Ausley, Representative (Speaker of the House Designee)
- Cynthia Lorenzo, Director, Agency for Workforce Innovation
- Toni Crawford, Chairperson, Early Learning Coalition of Duval
- James DeBeaugrine, Executive Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Cynthia Guerra, South Florida Deputy Attorney General (AG Designee)
- Gay Lancaster, Executive Director, Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board
- David Lawrence, President, Early Childhood Initiative Foundation
- Judy Schaechter, M.D., Director, Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Miami
- George Sheldon, Secretary, Department of Children & Families
- Ana Viamonte Ros, State Surgeon General, Department of Health
- Theresa Flury, Executive Director, Guardian Ad Litem
- Nan Rich, Senator (Senate President Designee)

Children and Youth Cabinet Members attending by telephone

- Justice Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court

Children and Youth Cabinet Members unable to attend:

- Maureen Dinnen, Vice Chair, Broward County School Board (CFO) Designee
- Eric J. Smith, Commissioner, Department of Education
- Frank Peterman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Juvenile Justice
- Holly Benson, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration
- Dick Batchelor, President, Dick Batchelor Management Group

Proceedings

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chairman Kottkamp. The Chairman thanked Harve Mogul, President and CEO of the United Way of Miami/-Dade and David Lawrence, President of The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation for hosting the Cabinet.

The Chairman announced that on June 9th, Governor Charlie Crist appointed Cynthia Lorenzo as Executive Director of the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, having served as Interim Director since February 2d. Congratulations Director Lorenzo.

The Chairman also congratulated Senator Nan Rich for her role in passing the KidCare bill on behalf of Florida's children.

The Chairman then recognized Mayor Cindy Lerner.

After roll call was taken by Sharon Read, the Chairman requested that Harve Mogul and David Lawrence address the Cabinet with their formal welcomes.

Public Presentations were called for by the Chairman and the following were heard:

First was Nancy Lucas, Playgroup Coordinator, addressing Monroe Youth Challenge Program.

Next on the agenda were Scott Fore and Dr. Marie Dinon, from Sweat Monkey who presented a promotional video of the Children's Cabinet.

Last but not least under the presentations was Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros, addressing Pregnancy and Young Child Profile issues.

Next on the agenda, **Public Comments** were heard from the following:

Linda Fillipinni and Jan Everson from the Congregations for Community Action

Judge Lester Langer and Judge Irene Sullivan addressing juvenile issues

Lee M. Sanders, M.D., addressing Reach Out & Read Florida

The Chairman then called upon Ted Granger, Chairman of the Children's Summit Workgroup to introduce Kate Stowell, Executive Director of the Policy Group for Florida's Families and Children. Kate was then called to the podium to begin the workshop on the report entitled "The State of Florida's Child. 2009" Kate gave an overview of the report and then facilitated discussions on the Policy Group's 13 recommended indicators. The results of the discussions are as follows:

Goal/outcome: Every Florida child is healthy.

- 1) Health insurance for every child in the state of Florida.
- 2) Medical home or primary health care provider.
- 3) Annual Preventative dental care.
- 4) Prenatal care.

Goal/outcome: Every Florida child is ready to learn and succeed.

The Policy Group was asked to research and develop additional indicators for this topic, including indicators that would address screening and assessment measures for quality learning.

Goal/outcome: Every Florida child has a stable and nurturing family.

It appears that the 3 main issues under this category were poverty, foster care and teenagers having children and that an indicator on family support is necessary. Regarding the Policy Group's recommendation on indicator #1, (refer to 6/16/2009 Policy Group Memo posted on the website) the Cabinet was in agreement.

Regarding #2, the Cabinet requested the Policy Group to edit the indicator.

Regarding #3, the Cabinet was in agreement.

Regarding #4, the Policy Group was asked to substitute "teen births" in place of "births."

Goal/outcome: Every Florida child lives in a safe and supportive community.

The Cabinet requested that the Policy Group narrow down the indicators and come back with more information, especially as to indicator #2. Issues that were touched upon were:

1. Safe neighborhood and neighborhood crime rate.
2. Intentional injury versus unintentional injuries resulting in hospital or emergency room visits.
3. Participation in quality after school program care.
4. Homeless children.

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Cabinet to Kate, Ted and the entire Policy Group for their hard work and dedication.

Gay Lancaster requested the floor, referring the Cabinet to her Report dated June 9th on the Children's Budget Data Collection System. Gay respectfully requested that each of the departments or divisions that fund Children's Services in Florida select a

member of their fiscal staff and the group be brought together in July to evaluate the pilot system and offer their review and comment.

The Chairman announced that because we have so much work to do, the next meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Florida A&M in Tallahassee will begin at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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