

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET

July 14, 2008

MEETING MINUTES

Florida Gulf Coast University
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Children and Youth Cabinet Members in attendance:

- Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp
- Jim Kallinger, Florida's Chief Child Advocate
- Dennis Moore, Interim Statewide Director of the Guardian Ad Litem Office
- David Lawrence Jr., President of the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation in Miami and
□University Scholar for Early Childhood Development and Readiness□at the University of Florida
- Antonia Crawford, Chairman of the Early Learning Coalition
- Dick Batchelor, President of Dick Batchelor Management Group
- Representative Loranne Ausley, Designee of Speaker Marco Rubio, Florida House of Representatives
- South Florida Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Guerra
- Secretary Bob Butterworth, Department of Children and Families
- State Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros, Department of Health
- Commissioner Eric Smith, Department of Education
- Interim Executive Director James DeBeaugrine, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Secretary Frank Peterman, Department of Juvenile Justice
- Chief Justice Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court
- Senator Nan Rich, Designee of Senate President Ken Pruitt, Florida Senate
- Donna Gay Lancaster, Executive Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Children's Services of Pinellas County

Children and Youth Cabinet Members unable to attend:

- Maureen S. Dinnen, Vice Chair, Broward County School Board, Designee of Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink
- Judy Schaechter, physician and associate professor at the University of Miami, Mailman Center for Child Development; Director of Injury Free Kids of Miami
- Director Monesia Brown, Agency for Workforce Innovation
- Secretary Holly Benson, Agency for Health Care Administration

Proceedings

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Lieutenant Governor and Chairman of the Children and Youth Cabinet, Jeff Kottkamp. The Lieutenant Governor requested Ronald Toll, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, FGCU approach the podium; The Provost gave a warm heartfelt welcome to the Cabinet.

After roll call was taken by Sharon Read, the Lieutenant Governor declared that there was quorum and personally welcomed the members and audience, laying out the agenda for the meeting. The record reflected absenteeism due partially to inclement weather and plane cancellations.

The next subject on the agenda being the approval of the May 19, 2008 meeting minutes as there were no changes or comments, the appropriate motion and second was made and the minutes were approved.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by the Honorable James R. Seals, Lee County Circuit Court Judge, who spoke to the Cabinet and audience on the Florida Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (FCJFCJ). Judge Seals gave a review of the judicial culture of the background of the group, noting that when a new judge comes aboard, he/she wants civil and or criminal dockets and not juvenile and dependency ones due to the heavy case load and the unfamiliarity of juveniles and children issues. The FCJFCJ was formed not only to derive benefits from the National Association, but basically to improve the justice for and the lives of Florida's children.

Judge Seals stated that he was at the Cabinet Meeting not only to inform the Cabinet of the group's existence and to offer assistance, but also to request help from the Cabinet on one specific issue known as the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC). He stated that this law is not child friendly and is more often than not, part of the problem in placing children in a safe home in another state and it is indicated that judges contrary to their sworn duties are tempted to not follow the law due to the time delays that this law causes stating that sometimes children are sent out of the state to be with other relatives before the investigation and approval can be made by the authorities. Judge Seals respectfully encouraged that the Governor and all his top administrators play a more active role in moving children in and out of the state, to eliminate harm being done to our children. Please refer to the Judge's speech published with this summary.

Secretary Butterworth interjected that the biggest frustration he has had since taking his position was the lack of assistance from other states. Secretary Butterworth indicated that he intends to make this a key issue and will work with Judge Seals's group. Judge Seals stated that the frustration is due to disparity in time as well as processing, that getting the message to other states must be on the executive level, that the kids are abused, neglected and abandoned enough.

Chief Justice Lewis queried Judge Seals on data sharing to which Judge Seals replied that there are times that the judges are criticized for their decisions and part of their decisions are made on the lack of credible information. Mr. Batchelor suggested that Judge Seals contact the National Governor Association and the Attorney General Association as a source of persons for advocate issues. Mr. Kallinger stated that the original compact was ratified back in 1960 and the consortium that developed the new ICPC was unsuccessful in passing it through the last legislation due to constitutional issues. Mr. Kallinger will share their information put together

for the legislation and suggested to Judge Seals that leadership from the top was still necessary and that Judge Seals group should visit with the legislators personally.

The agenda was adjusted at the request of Senator Nan Rich, who called DCF Assistant Secretary George Sheldon to the podium. Senator Rich and Mr. Sheldon addressed the Cabinet on the valiant efforts made to save a foster child's life that had been taken off the liver transplant list at Shands Hospital. Carol Marvin Miller, a reporter from the Miami Herald brought the issue to light and due to the efforts of Nick Cox, DCF Regional Administrator and DCF, Senator Rich was pleased to announce that the child underwent surgery on July 13th and was making a great recovery. Senator Rich stated that if people had not reacted and DCF had not taken charge, this child's life would not have been saved.

Mr. Sheldon gave a medical and historical background on the now 15 year old child, whose mother was incarcerated when he was born. The people at Shands Hospital felt that the child could not be placed in a permanent home that would give him the care he needed but with the collaboration of both local and state level people, Jacksonville Hospital reviewed the case and took the matter into their hands because Nick Cox, the DCF local director, didn't let the case rest. Mr. Sheldon states that unfortunately it took someone high enough up in the agency to take care of a problem and administrators need to make sure that people have access to the help they need. This particular case has weakness, but through determination, a positive result was reached. Mr. Sheldon states that he and Mr. DeBeaugrine are working on a revision for the Memo of Understanding and are recommending review teams be assigned to cases if there is no resolution, the review teams will turn the matter over to administration.

Mr. Batchelor congratulated all those involved and suggested that if there are three agencies included, whether it is a meeting or not, no agency leave the room until someone takes the lead. It is important to overcome any short comings in processing assistance. Mr. DeBeaugrine interjected that APD is committed to help all children achieve successful transitions and he highly praised the workers because they are there for the right reasons. He likes a "point person" idea for authority and responsibility to fix problems that Mr. Batchelor suggested and states that communication is the main issue.

Mr. Sheldon thanked Andrea Moore for finding the placement for this child and Jackson Hospital for being instrumental in pursuing the Make a Wish Foundation to give this child a trip to Disney World. He is pleased with the good working relationship between the advocates, the Governor and the private sector. Nick Cox was recognized by the Cabinet and audience.

The Lieutenant Governor thanked Secretary Butterworth and the whole team for all their hard work; being instrumental in the seeing that this child received the care he so desperately needed and how proud we are of them all. Secretary Butterworth interjected that the success was because everyone came to the plate, despite the fact that the situation should not have occurred, it was successful due to the collaboration of many. He stated that we need to treat these children as our own and not as foster children and that we need to respect and aggressively fight for each child.

Next on the agenda was DJJ Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr., who presented an update the Blue Print Commission Review. Mr. Peterman graciously acknowledged the Cabinet's work and all those who worked with DJJ on the commission review. Mr. Peterman agrees that it is important to get to the top level and get through all the red tape in order to give the children the help they need. He addressed the vision, mission and core values of DJJ that have been duplicated on a wallet-sized card. He stated that the DJJ is putting together a program with the

intent that a stronger relationship between agencies will be utilized, especially when it comes to want versus need. Please refer to the presentation published with this summary.

Mr. Peterman believes that the zero tolerance summit that will be held in Orlando on August 11 and 12th will be of great benefit to tackle the issues that are facing our children and encourages all agencies to attend, if possible. The Lieutenant Governor thanked Mr. Peterman for his service and focusing on children to give them that fighting chance to have a successful life, despite the fact that the child made one mistake.

Chief Justice Lewis stated that during his travels over the state he is disturbed on the lack of uniformity in educational opportunities in fractured residential areas. Mr. Peterman stated that Terry Eggers is overseeing that particular issue. He indicated that, based on the five months that he has been in office, it is his feeling that this is the area that needs cultural changes, prevention is the way to build uniformity. The Chief also inquired as to zero tolerance and Mr. Peterman asked Commissioner Smith to respond. Mr. Smith stated that recognition of the consequences of further escalation is being made in an effort to make schools safe, with focus on proper behavior and conduct, sometimes expulsion makes things worse. Mr. Smith stated that of great concern is the impact across generations: family to family and the need to monitor, for instance, parents being incarcerated, then the children being incarcerated or in foster care, referring to the excellent report referenced in Mr. Peterman's talk by Miami Dade. Senator Rich stated her concern on that DJJ and DCF seem to point fingers at one another. Mr. Peterman stated that he had just recently begun conversations with DCF on formulating better plans and they should have something positive within the next quarter. Mr. David Lawrence referred Mr. Peterman to Wansby Walters in Miami who has recently received national recognition on how not to become criminals. Mr. Smith referred the Cabinet to the recent report by the Ann Casey Foundation on the troubling issues of incarceration rates.

The Cabinet was honored to receive Mrs. Rhea Chiles, who along with Bob Seemer gave a well-received presentation on the Lawton Chiles Foundation, Whole Child Program. Representative Ausley introduced Mrs. Chiles who with much delight announced that when she meets Governor Chiles in Heaven, he will be most pleased to find out that the Children and Youth Cabinet exists. Mr. Seemer informed the Cabinet that when he met Mrs. Chiles in 2001 and she asked if he could imagine a community where all children thrived, he was hooked. The Whole Child Community enables families and providers to have current and accurate data; the WCC system of technology is the connection to services in the community, it's an enabler not a solution. It provides what is working and what isn't. It shows how improving accessibility, will give better quality and service. It will show how to become proactive, self improving and self sustaining as well as identifying needs and resources to meet the needs of everyone. It tracks timeliness and effectiveness, family satisfaction as well as gathering data for analytical purposes, but it is to be noted that there is no private information contained in the web based systems. Mr. Seemer stated that once a community agrees to become a Whole Child Community, there is rigorous training to go through, but that he did not come to just share statistics, he came to show that there is hope that there can be a better tomorrow. Please refer to the handout published with this summary.

Ms. Crawford stated that she was intrigued with the WCC system and asked if Mr. Seemer goes into the community to do the set up to which Mr. Seemer replied yes, the path to follow and how to achieve success is processed through the management element. The information technology provides a system to anyone who needs to identify services and obtain accessibility. Ms. Lancaster inquired on the experience with poor families to which Mr. Seemer responded that the community base care providers are set up to assist families to complete the data necessary; that the word does get out for example, a survey will be launched on the first day of registration of

students. Mr. Batchelor thanked Mr. Seemer and inquired as to the relationship with Healthy Families and a template of organizers. Mr. Seemer advises that WCC is not related to any other program and is not a replica of any other program. The system was produced out of the box and enables you to select the system that best meets the needs. Regarding the template, yes, the template is learned over time and in order to sustain, the system must have natural champions existing; you just need to find the champions, although power and funding are different, they are all evaluated on their own characteristics.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that intuitively in our hearts we know we have to do all we can for the children to succeed and profusely thanked Mr. Seemer for constructing an infrastructure to answer the call of Mrs. Chiles.

Representative Ausley expressed her support about the program and its potential of initiative. She asked the Cabinet to 1) help the foundation to identify communities and their champions, 2) that all agencies present or any new ones that come on line, partner up, and 3) move forward and continue to come back to the Cabinet to work with the agencies. The Lieutenant Governor agreed with Representative Ausley's great idea.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the public comment of Hendry County Sheriff, Ronnie Lee on behalf of the Children's Network of SW Florida was taken out of order. Sheriff Lee requested that the Cabinet take into consideration and not forget the poor county of Hendry in assisting children and youth. Sheriff Lee states that his county is experiencing economic problems; out of the 1900 children available for adoption and or foster care, only 93 adoptions were finalized this year. He feels along with Secretary Butterworth the most important issue is to get the children back to their biological parents. Sheriff Lee feels that alcohol and drug abuse are the primary causes of their problems in his county. Sheriff Lee is requesting more money, staff and tools to investigate foster care. He feels that the leaders are the guardians of the children that they are our future and in order to secure our country, we need to raise the kids the right way.

The Lieutenant Governor thanked the Sheriff for all his service.

Under Old Business, the reports of the following Chairpersons were received:

Toni Crawford, Committee Number 1 Re: Interagency Agreement Committee Report

Ms. Crawford reported that her committee and with the assistance of staff, a summary of their findings, including benefits and phase costs was prepared and are to be published with this summary.

Christina Blakeslee, appearing by telephone gave an overview of the agency systems and how the connection with the existing Court JIS system would benefit the all those connected with providing services to children and youth.

Miss Blakeslee answered Mr. Kallinger's question on real time; when a query is sent to a source, the return is as real as the agency has. Answering Mr. Batchelor's question, the public defender only has limited public information because of FDLE regulations. Responding to Mr. Kallinger's question on rules and implementation, this all relates to limitations and what data is identified through the MOU.

Ms. Crawford announced that Ms. Blakeslee hosted various different agencies recently and demonstrated the Supreme Court's data system.

The Lieutenant Governor announced that it was a job well done and we are on our way in achieving one of our goals. He thanked the Chief Justice for allowing us to build off his success and for hiring the one with all the knowledge, Chris Blakeslee.

Mr. Batchelor inquired as to when the appropriate time would be to bring this issue to the Governor and the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor responded that it would be after the November meeting. Senator Rich inquired if there were any federal issues that we need to be made aware of to which the Lieutenant Governor responded that a FERPA and HIPAA presentation was going to be made today and he is confident that we are proceeding on the right track. The Chief Justice stated that as we develop the MOU's and ferret out the information needed especially in education we will know what we need to have and that it is not an insurmountable job. The Lieutenant Governor stated that he hopes all the tweaks will be worked out for next meeting. Ms. Lancaster inquired if the agency costs have been agreed on and the Lieutenant Governor stated that he is of the opinion that cost will not be a factor, that in fact; there will be a savings, especially once the agencies have their MOU's. Ms. Lancaster inquired of Mr. Kallinger on the prohibitions on sharing data, to which he responded that the presentation following should clear up FERPA and HIPAA questions, and to keep in mind that FERPA and HIPAA were developed to help and take away roadblocks. Mr. Smith suggested that perhaps a study with two columns be done, the first column what good will come and the second column, what are the privacy rights. He states we must be careful of individual rights and the separation of issues.

Gay Lancaster, Committee Number 2 Re: State Agency Budget

Ms. Lancaster acknowledged all those individuals who worked on her committee and reported that her committee had begun the process of collecting actual expenses for the 2006-2007 year and projected expenses for the 2007-2008 year from all the participating agencies. As is to be expected with budgets, the collection of accounting figures is an arduous task and Ms. Lancaster states that she intends to present a comprehensive report at the next meeting. Ms. Lancaster called her associate, Lisa Sahulka to the podium who gave a brief summary of the figures collected to date. Ms. Sahulka advised that it is somewhat difficult to gather the information on funding streams due to the manner in which agencies collect data. It is to be noted that on the hand out there are blanks and the reason the blanks are there is due again to the manner in which agencies collect data. Prior to approaching the podium, she received an email from ACHA noting that the report is missing some dollar figures and therefore the hand out is incorrect. Ms. Sahulka requests the Cabinet encourage their agency people to assist staff so that the committee can come to the next meeting with a completed spread sheet. She reports that the biggest problem in collecting the data is the language barrier. For example: Would Bright Futures be included? Please refer to the initial budget spreadsheet published with this summary and mark the spread sheet draft.

Mr. Kallinger suggested the Youth Investment Policy group as a to contact as a tool for use in drafting budgets. Ms. Lancaster stated that she had requested that Jennifer provide the information to the cabinet in an attempt to understand the difference in funding and service categories; everyone has different names and we need to have the same nomenclature. Ms. Crawford commented that she was surprised by the lack of Federal funds extracted in the draft and the Lieutenant Governor suggested that the agencies come up with a chart of accounts. Mr. Batchelor stated that funds are left on the table in Washington because they don't know the funds are there and why they are left. The Lieutenant Governor expressed his appreciation to the committee for a job well done.

Dick Batchelor, Committee Number 3 Re: Commission Report and Recommendations

Mr. Batchelor deferred the report to his vice chairman, Jim Kallinger. Mr. Kallinger informed the Cabinet on the committee's recommendations as follows:

- Convene a Committee meeting towards the end of August in Tallahassee and invite the staff director and/or the executive director of each task force represented on the matrix report to come before the Committee and present the top 3-5 recommendations outlined in the matrix report that have not yet been implemented and that will assist the Cabinet in achieving their duties and responsibilities as outlined in statute.
- Ask Alisa Ghazvini about other "blue ribbon" committee recommendations and why they were not included in the matrix report. Are there other "blue ribbon" committee reports? What about the Florida Bar report on "The Legal Needs of Children"?
- Gather all OPAGGA reports related to child welfare. See OPAGGA report list distributed at an earlier Cabinet meeting. Compare the reports to any related recommendations presented to the Committee.
- Take list of recommendations to OPB for input on fiscal impact of each recommendation.
- Have staff directors convene a meeting to consider list of recommendations and identify any duplication of effort and then compile a final list for the Committee.
- Have the executive director and/or chairman of each task force come before the Committee at a future date to present the final list.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the Committee on their good work.

Under New Business, a summation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was given by Kenneth W. Goodman, Ph.D., Professor and Director at the University of Miami Bioethics Program and Director of the Florida Bioethics Network. Dr. Goodman addressed the History of HIPAA, the foundations of privacy and confidentiality, steps to protect privacy and confidentiality, State, federal, local laws and rules and the core concepts. Dr. Goodman states the primary purpose of HIPAA was 1) to educate 2) to protect privacy and confidentiality entitlement 3) establish policy and the duties to be entrusted and 4) security. He notes that the categories not covered under the consent issue of HIPAA are treatment, payment and operations.

Dr. Goodman is of the opinion that the core concepts, as far as the Cabinet is concerned, would be to only transmit what information or data that is necessary ethically and make sure the requested information or data is for good will use. Obtaining information from children through their personal representatives can be a murky area and Dr. Goodman states that statute preempts HIPAA on protected health care information. He is of the opinion that for purposes of the Cabinet, data sharing is improving government services and would relate to public health communities. Remember to ask the question; to what degree will the secondary information or data be used? If you use data on one, it is okay to use for another? Values and ethics are the

prime importance; need to watch the difference between research and surveillance for improving services. He states that analysis is research and would need consent. Secondary use requires judgment calls on providences on how information is collected; under what circumstances the information is collect for; who has access to the information; the percentage that will be anatomized and the purpose to which it would be put to use. Dr. Goodman states that we have a duty to inform the proper individuals.

Chief Justice Lewis inquired as the anonymous restrictions relating to public health and Dr. Goodman informed us that the Cabinet should not have a problem with anatomized data because public health doesn't fall under HIPAA. Mr. Batchelor queried Dr. Goodman on keeping anonymous data and or information collection anonymous and Dr. Goodman stated that HIPAA provides for incidental disclosure such as leaks whether unintentional or inadvertent. He went on to explain that what researchers get, they go to a trusted broker system and then on to the next researchers. If an emergency situation for high risk even through anatomized information is discovered, the system allows the trusted broker to go back and re-identify the at risk individual. Dr. Goodman states that there are IRBs (Institution Review Boards) that over see the protocols and recommended the use of an IRB as a committee for the Cabinet.

Mr. Batchelor inquired as to the safety of encrypted information and Dr. Goodman stated that he felt safer using the internet than having it on a piece of paper. Dr. Viamonte Ros was happy to hear Dr. Goodman mention the IRB and inquired about the Virginia Tech tragedy. Dr. Goodman stated unfortunately the Virginia Tech tragedy was blamed on FERPA and HIPAA information and emphasized the need for using good judgment. He also spoke to the problem based courts of recent years and the behavioral issues the court systems are working on to resolve problems. He state that privacy is an ancient value and we need ethics committees to interpret unknown uncertainties. Dr. Goodman states that tel-a-health is all digital in order to move within the 50 states; it not only allows discrimination but allows quick protection. Mr. Batchelor stated that he has a concern with free agents such as insurance companies who go to an extreme to access information and that we need a gate keeper to guard the gate.

The Lieutenant Governor thanked Dr. Goodman and commented on what a fun class he must teach.

The next presenter Jay Pfeiffer, Deputy Commissioner, Accountability, Research and Measurement from the Florida Department of Education, gave a summation on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Mr. Pfeiffer stated that in 1974, FERPA was not automated and the law was written around grade books. It gave the right of the parent or the 18 year old to inspect, correct and make notations to the record and also contained the provision for the right to consent to data sharing as well as specifics on sanctions by the United States Department of Education. The right of consent provides that it is permissible to share directory information not harmful or private. He touched upon the related laws such as the Privacy Act of 1974 and notes that all the acts have words that touch upon the necessity of reaching conclusions and sharing data. He gave an in depth oration on how his department gathers and maintains the data.

Mr. Pfeiffer believes that the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100-503 is the governing law that would directly affect the Cabinet. Within this act is the definition of the ways data can be matched at the Federal level; it covers cross agency ethics committees as to privacy and also addresses agency agreements for sharing data, which gives a starting place for the Cabinet.

Senator Rich asked about the DJJ and DCF clients regarding educational residential areas for foster children moving around. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that the DOE has an exception agreement with the DJJ to share information and further, that as to the DCF, the under 18 parent has the right to access the child's file, however "real time" information such as "was the child in school" would have to be through the local education agencies as the State does not have "real time" information, but does have grades, graduation and other data, although the DOE is exploring ways to incorporate the data. Mr. Pfeiffer was not certain regarding the exception to the law that the DJJ has with the DOE and if the exception needed to be worked out with the DCF but did add that they have always been able to work things out.

Dr. Viamonte Ros inquired on the effects of schools with funding under the US Department of Education to which Mr. Pfeiffer responded that the health information lies with any application process of the students and post secondary education where health services are provided. That there are Private institutions that do not fall under FERPA and usual deal with financial aid.

Mr. Batchelor inquired as the data on drop out kids and how their needs have been identified and if DOE data is shared with DJJ especially as to unemployable reasons. Mr. Smith responded by stating that the state data available in not real time but there is a wealth of data which does include the data on unemployable issues, which are shared with the DJJ as far as academic achievement and programs relating to benefits from school incarceration and then back to school. Mr. Smith feels that the real challenge is to pose good questions across the divisions on policies and decisions to impact kids. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that they are continuing to work with the various agencies all over the state to gather vast data and answer questions.

Mr. Batchelor stated that he had read the Spotlight of Florida Youth at Risk by the Eckerd Foundation and was surprised to learn that in 2005, 230,000 kids had not attended school and or who have not graduated. Mr. Batchelor said the "out of school youth" were 3 times more likely to be unemployed, under employed and work for low wages, placing an impact on our social service system and relying on tax dollars to get an education. Further, that according to the report, youth ages 16-24, who were out of school, not married, and with no work experience for twelve months, were 13 times less likely to have a steady job or be married. Mr. Batchelor stated that this report has good data to look at. Please refer to the power point presentation filed with this summary.

Mr. Moore asked about tracking data and Mr. Pfeiffer stated that tracking data locally is much harder than from Tallahassee and that the data is tracked on high school diplomas and aged out youths.

Mr. Kallinger thanked Mr. Pfeiffer and respectfully requested that the Cabinet be allowed to call on Dr. Goodman and Mr. Pfeiffer in the future.

Public Comment

It is be noted because of inclement weather and a full agenda, a motion was proposed, seconded and carried that the meeting be extended from the 4:00 pm adjournment time to 4:20 pm in order to accommodate the public comment section.

Birdette Hughey from Dream Katchers Incorporated (Dream, Reach, Katch) addressed the cabinet.

Richard G. Lewis III, HAS Engineers & Scientists addressed the cabinet regarding the Florida Engineering Society's K-12 Program.

Kathleen. Rose, RN, MHA, NCSN, President of the Florida Association of School Nurses addressed the cabinet.

Andrea Moore, Children First, addressed the cabinet and was acknowledged by Senator Rich as being instrumental in assisting with getting the surgery for the young person who had fallen through the cracks.

Senator Rich was acknowledged and has requested that at the next meeting in Pensacola, some one be brought on to speak to the Cabinet about the health issues of children. Senator Rich was disturbed by the recent study on health care for children where Florida ranked 50th in the nation. Mr. Kallinger agreed that it would be an issue that needs to be addressed and that he would speak to the staff about it.

Mr. Kallinger announced that the next meeting will be in Pensacola at the University of West Florida on September 23, 2008.

As there was no further business to come before the Cabinet, the meeting was adjourned.