

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET
Thursday, July 30, 2009 @ 10 am
MEETING MINUTES
Florida A & M University
Foster Tanner Recital Hall
1660 Pinder Drive
Tallahassee, 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 at Roll Call:

- Dick Batchelor, President, Dick Batchelor Management Group
- James DeBeaugrine, Executive Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Theresa Flury, Executive Director, Guardian Ad Litem
- Jim Kallinger, Chief Child Advocate, Governor's Office
- Gay Lancaster, Executive Director, Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board
- Cynthia Lorenzo, Director, Agency for Workforce Innovation
- Frank Peterman, Jr., Secretary, Department of Juvenile Justice
- George Sheldon, Secretary, Department of Children & Families
- Eric J. Smith, Commissioner, Department of Education

Children and Youth Cabinet Members attending by telephone at Roll Call:

- Cynthia Guerra, South Florida Deputy Attorney General (AG Designee)
- David Lawrence, President, Early Childhood Initiative Foundation
- Nan Rich, Senator (Senate President Designee)
- Judy Schaechter, M.D., Director, Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Miami

Children and Youth Cabinet Members unable to attend:

- Holly Benson, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration
- Toni Crawford, Chairperson, Early Learning Coalition of Duval
- Maureen Dinnen, Vice Chair, Broward County School Board (CFO) Designee
- Jeff Kottkamp, Lieutenant Governor, State of Florida
- Justice Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court
- Ana Viamonte Ros, State Surgeon General, Department of Health
- Nick Thompson, Representative (Speaker of the House Designee)

Proceedings

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 10 am by Acting Chairman., Jim Kallinger. Mr. Kallinger announced that the Lieutenant Governor was not able to chair the meeting because he was attending a meeting with principals of the Augustine Commission to discuss the future of the space shuttle.

Mr. Kallinger announced the Representative Lorraine Ausley's term with the Cabinet had expired and thanked her for serving the Cabinet with such great distinction.

Mr. Kallinger announced that the Speaker of the House, Larry Cretual, had appointed Representative Nick Thompson to the Cabinet as an ex officio member of the Cabinet, however, due to a medical situation, Representative Thompson was unable to travel to Tallahassee for the meeting.

After roll call was taken by Sharon Read, the Chairman requested that Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Attorney and Chief of Staff for Florida A&M University approach the podium and address the Cabinet. Ms. Fuse-Hall gave a warm welcome comparing the Cabinet's and the University's Anniversaries.

Public Presentations were called for by Mr. Kallinger and the following were heard:

1. Interagency Workgroup: Collaborating to Increase Trauma Informed Services to Trauma Survivors with:
 - Shairi R. Turner, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Director , Office of Health Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice;
 - Dr. Jane Streit, Senior Psychologist, Children's Mental Health, Department of Children and Families;
 - Joan Gillece, Ph.D, Director, National Center for Trauma Informed Care/Project Manager, National Association of State Health Program Directors;
 - Tonier Cain, Team Lead, National Center for Trauma Informed Care, National Association of State Mental Health Program Director;
 - C. Veree' Jenkins, Executive Director and parent, Federation of Families, Palm Beach Co.

2. Abuse of Public Funds and Children (At Risk) with:
 - Patricia Engelhardt, Charter Board Member, and VP of Mental Health Counseling for Tender Loving Care Homes for Children
 - Sherry Magness – Just Someone Who Loves Children - from Tender Loving Care Homes for Children

3. Dick Batchelor, Chairman of the Commissions, Councils and Task Force Committee introducing Vanessa Littleton reporting on Cross Walk Report, which will be posted to the Cabinet's web site.

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

1. Liza McFadden from the Volunteer US Foundation addressing the Jumpstart Read for the Record program
2. Kathleen Rose, RN, President of the Florida Association of School Nurses addressing the funding for school nurses and thanking the Cabinet Agencies for listening to her pleas.

Mr. Kallinger then called upon Kate Stowell, Executive Director of the Policy Group for Florida's Families and Children. Kate gave a recapitulation of the discussions of the indicators and the instructions by the Cabinet Members from the June 16, 2009 workshop on the report entitled "The State of Florida's Child 2009".

Discussions on the Policy Group's revised recommended indicators were held; upon the proper motion, second and discussion the results are as follows:

Goal/outcome: Every Florida child is healthy.

- 1) Mothers beginning prenatal care in the first trimester - carried
- 2) Children with health insurance – carried
- 3) Children with a medical home or primary health care provided (a primary care practice that provide them with accessible, continuous and coordinated care, including preventive health services - carried
- 4) Children receiving annual preventive dental and health services - defeated

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

1. Children at or within 9% of their developmental capacity – defeated
2. Children read to by their parents and relative caregivers – carried
3. Births to mothers with less than 12 years of education – carried
4. Early childhood staff with bachelor's degree – carried ***
5. Programs with NAEYC accreditation or that meet Head Start performance standards – defeated***
6. Number of benchmarks met on NIEER quality standards checklist (currently 4/10)– defeated

***The Cabinet discussed and agreed to have the Policy Group redraft indicator number 5 with indicator 4 incorporated into it. This new indicator will be placed on the agenda for the September 16, 2009 meeting under Old Business for the Cabinet's consideration.

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

1. Children living in families with income below the poverty threshold – carried
2. Child abuse and neglect – carried
3. Teen births - carried

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

1. Domestic violence – carried
2. Condition and availability of housing – carried
3. % of children ages 0-17 living in neighborhoods parents describe as supportive – carried
4. Children participating in quality after school programs – defeated

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

Gay Lancaster requested the floor, and informed the Cabinet that her Budget Committee met on July 29th and submitted a memorandum delineating the points of interest of the meeting which will be posted to the Cabinet's web site. Gay thanked the agencies for sending a member of their fiscal staff to the meeting.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting will be held at the Osceola County Extension Office in Kissimmee, Florida on Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

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