

*Committee Report by Dick Batchelor: Re: Commissions Councils and Task Forces*

*As you might recall, our committee is interested in hearing from former staff directors/chairs of commissions/councils that have addressed a number of the issues which are in the purview of the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth. Rather than having hearings again, the decision was made to review previous works, ascertain what recommendations have been made, but have not yet been implemented.*

*In order to do that, the Committee Chair has been working with the Cabinet staff to identify the right individuals to present to our committee. Our best hope is that we can get some of the referenced individuals (who participated in previous studies) to help us draft a matrix which would coalesce the overarching recommendations and hopefully eliminate any duplication. We have a scheduled a committee meeting in Tallahassee for November 3rd. Of course, any and all members of the Cabinet are welcome to attend.*

*I would like to express my appreciation to the agencies who've worked with us to identify appropriate people to present to the committee. Let me also point out that, in addition to the referenced reports, we are also reviewing recent OPPAGA reports and recommendations that might compliment our research.*

Respectfully submitted on this 23d day of September 2008