

Children and Youth Cabinet
Interagency Agreement Committee



To: Interagency Agreement Committee Members

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Re: Summary of Committee Members telephone conference call on July 3, 2008

The following Cabinet Members or their representatives were present for the conference call:

Chief Justice Fred Lewis, Florida Supreme Court
David Lawrence, The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation
John Hughes, Agency for Workforce Innovation
Michele Tallent, Agency for Health Care Administration
Jay Pfeiffer, Department of Education
Toni Crawford, Chairperson, Early Learning Coalition of Duval
Christopher Pantaleon, Department of Children & Families

The following Cabinet Members or their representatives were not available for the conference call:

Dr. Judy Schaechter

Also present: Jennifer Diaz, Sharon Read and Chris Blakeslee from the Supreme Court.

The telephone conference call began at approximately 9:34 am, with Chairperson Crawford inquiring of the parties on the procedure to be taken for presentation of a committee status report to the Cabinet at the July 14, 2008 Children and Youth Meeting. Chairperson Crawford was of the opinion that it would be appropriate to present to the Cabinet the recent summary, budget and slides that were circulated to the committee for review and asked Jennifer Diaz to comment on same. Mrs. Diaz explained that she would put together a package for the Cabinet which would include the summary, budget

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and slides as well as memos from the Legal Department of the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Management Services, and possibly letters from Cabinet Member and the Lieutenant Governor, supporting adoption of the data sharing system.

David Lawrence found the summary and graphics to be an excellent source of information but felt the most important issue was to get the people in high up places to use their muscle to get it done, especially because the data sharing system it doesn't exist elsewhere. Mr. Lawrence felt that it is extremely crucial to make sure that the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor are on board, not simply being supportive, but using their power to have the system put in place.

Chairperson Crawford inquired if Chris Blakeslee would be available to come to the July 14th meeting and assist with the presentation to the Cabinet, especially on the technicalities of the summary and slides. Miss Blakeslee will be happy to accommodate.

Mr. Pfeiffer brought to our attention, one issue that needs to be worked through at a state level. He stated that the state level of comprehensive information lags behind in real time and that a way to link to more current data with the software for school districts is important. Chairwoman Crawford acknowledges that each department will have to work through their specific problems and Chief Justice Lewis added that it can be done.

Michele Tallent inquired on the importance of needing to know what each department has and what each department wants to get out of the systems. Chief Justice Lewis interjected that he has already started working on what he needs to identify and what the court needs from others. Miss Tallent also stated her concern on the budget, each agency having their own constraints and that the agencies might not have excess funds. Discussion was held on the 1.2 million being the total amount and Miss Blakeslee stated that the amount is divided between the agencies for a total of about \$200,000 for each agency. John Hughes inquired on the cost to modify the current system, stating the cost at a local level would cost more, to which Miss Blakeslee stated that there would be no work for the agency, that the vendor does the work modifications; costs for the agencies to make changes would be limited; the need to identify resources as Michele Tallent pointed out is where the time would be spent and then the cost divided for the initial or first time.

Miss Tallent added that her agency was unique on collecting medical data that the Agency was transitioning to a new fiscal agent. The fiscal agent receives the billing information for the Medicaid recipients. The transition to the new fiscal agent is a massive undertaking and since the new system just went live all focus is on it.

Miss Blakeslee disagreed that the Cabinet's current project would take too long because it will be an extension of the court system and she sees it moving quickly.

Discussion was had on contacting the Lieutenant Governor and Governor for a face to face meeting to respectfully request that they not only get behind the plan and support it,

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but they place the data sharing plan in their upper priorities. It was agreed that when the presentation is made at the July 14 meeting and when the Lieutenant Governor concurs, such a meeting will be arranged. Chief Justice Lewis has graciously volunteered to call everyone he knows to get behind the plan and schedule the meeting.

Christopher Pantaleon agreed that if we are to be successful, we need executive sponsorship and need to know where we stand as a priority. He will support the plan any way he can and does feel the need to define the objective and what data is needed. He called to the attention of the group those problems that arise with interfacing and screen scrapes and the importance of who we are communicating data with at the data center level.

Mr. Hughes requested asked if it would be possible to see the data system in action and Miss Blakeslee and Jennifer Diaz will schedule a demonstration at the court house for the week of July 7th.

Chairperson Crawford recapped the meeting stating that we would make the presentation on July 14th, get affirmation from the Lieutenant Governor, and for that those who could, attend a demonstration of the court system data sharing next week. All were in agreement and the meeting was completed at 10:08 am.

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