



Cabinet Committee #3
Committee on Commissions, Councils and Reports Recommendations
November 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Tallahassee, FL

Committee Members in Attendance

Dick Batchelor, Chair
Jim Kallinger
Stacy Howard, AWI
Sandy Cho, DOE

Cabinet/Agency Representation in Attendance

Chief Justice Peggy Quince
Secretary George Sheldon, DCF
Director Jim DeBeaugrine, APD
Matt Guse, AWI
Walt Cook, DCF
Emmit Bunton, DOH
Mike Haney, DOH
Phyllis Sloyer, DOH
Jason Welty, DJJ
Frank Penela, DJJ
Bonnie Rogers, DJJ

Others in Attendance

Secretary Ed Feaver
Bambi Lockman
Debbie Moroney, PACE Center for Girls

Presenters

- DJJ Blueprint Commission by Bonnie Rogers, Chief of Staff, Department of Juvenile Justice
- Child Abuse Death Review Report 2007 by Major Connie Shingledecker, Manatee County Sheriff's Office
- Inclusion NOW Strategic Action Plan 2007 and Challenges and Opportunities: An Analysis of the Current Florida System of Services, Person with Disabilities and Future Directions for System Change by Debra Dowds, Director, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
- Office of Adoption and Child Protection Report 2007 and Five Year State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect by Jim Kallinger, Chief Child Advocate
- Task Force on Child Protection 2007 □ Pat Badland, Director, Office of Family Safety, DCF

Proceedings

Meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm by Chairman Dick Batchelor. Mr. Batchelor gave an overview to the purpose of the committee and stated that the goal is to take what these council and commissions have done and narrow it down for the Cabinet's work by using the Strategic Plan as a guide.

Mr. Batchelor invited Secretary Sheldon of DCF to speak on some of DCF's great efforts and successes.

Mr. Batchelor invited the report authors to present.

Department of Juvenile Justice Chief of Staff, Bonnie Rogers, advised the Committee that of the 52 recommendations contained in the Blueprint Commission on Juvenile Justice report released February 2008; 6 recommendations have been completed and an additional 18 recommendations have begun implementation.

Ms. Rogers referenced the Children and Youth Cabinet subcommittee spreadsheet which lists those recommendations from the Blueprint Commission report that the committee is monitoring. Of the 8 Blueprint recommendations on the subcommittee's spreadsheet, Ms. Rogers provided the following update:

1. Recommendation E (Medicaid suspension v. disenrollment) Complete
2. Recommendations C, H (Both dealing with school zero tolerance) and D (dealing with reducing youth gang involvement) implementation has begun.
3. Recommendations F, G (both dealing with children's health) and A (public awareness campaigns) pending implementation.

Ms. Rogers advised that the department will be linking each of the 8 recommendations listed in the Subcommittee's spreadsheet to the Children and Youth Cabinet's Strategic Plan.

Major Connie Shingledecker, Manatee County Sheriff's Office, outlined the Child Abuse Death Review Report 2007. Top three causes of death in children are:

1. Drowning
2. Homicide
3. Suffocation

Please see attached power point for details. Major Shingledecker asked for the Committee's and full Cabinet's support of an All Child Death Review which would give us better information. Major Shingledecker will come back to committee with how the recommendations in the 2007 review fit with the Cabinet's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Debra Dowds, Director, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council discussed two reports:

- 1) Inclusion NOW Strategic Action Plan 2007
- 2) Challenges and Opportunities: An Analysis of the Current Florida System of Services, Person with Disabilities and Future Directions for System Change by

Please see attached document for details. It was determined that Ms. Dowd and DOE Chief of Strategy Sandy Cho will take lead in determining how the Cabinet can work to draw down as many federal dollars as possible to our state with IDEA. Will also take a look at FS 1000.357 for more information.

Florida's Chief Child Advocate Jim Kallinger briefly walked through the Office of Adoption and Child Protection Report 2007 and Five Year State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect, noting that the updated version will be submitted on December 31 and that the office is requesting time on the full cabinet's agenda to go over the plan. For more information, please see: http://www.flgov.com/child_abuse_prevention.

Pat Badland, Director, Office of Family Safety, DCF briefly went over the Task Force on Child Protection 2007 Report. The taskforce aimed to identify common gaps and take action on policy to correct them. For more information, please see attached document. The 2008 Task Force will look at institutionalizing change and establishing children's legal services. Ms. Badland will look at the Task Force's recommendation and align them with the cabinet's strategic plan.

Mr. Batchelor mentioned a possible next meeting to see the report recommendations aligned with the strategic plan on January 13, immediately preceding the Cabinet meeting.

Meeting adorned at 2:45 pm.