**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Meeting**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

State College of Florida Lakewood Ranch

Center for Technology & Innovation

**Meeting Summary**

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. To obtain meeting materials, please visit [www.flgov.com/childrens-cabinet](http://www.flgov.com/childrens-cabinet).

**Attendance Summary**

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet members in attendance:

* Chair Wansley Walters
* Secretary Mike Carroll
* Victoria Vangalis Zepp
* Executive Director Alan Abramowitz
* Judge Sandy Karlan
* Judge Lee Haworth
* Secretary Christina Daly
* Director Zackary Gibson
* Mr. Steven Uhlfelder
* Tanya Wilkins
* Interim Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Phillips
* Diana Ragbeer
* Nelson Diaz

Member Representatives in attendance:

Judge Lee Haworth, on behalf of Justice Pariente

Tanya Cooper, on behalf of Commissioner Stewart

Jeff Smith, on behalf of Director Palmer

Members Joining by Phone: Secretary Elizabeth Dudek

Staff in attendance: Tim Parson

**Proceedings**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Chair Wansley Walters called the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (Cabinet) meeting to order and welcomed Cabinet members.

Chair Walters offered her appreciation to the State College of Florida for hosting the meeting.

The roll was called by Tim Parson and a quorum was confirmed.

The Chair recognized the 3 new members to the Cabinet, Tanya Wilkins, Diana Ragbeer and Nelson Diaz, and each gave a brief history of their background and advocacy in working with children.

Chair Walters also congratulated Judge Karlan on her reappointment and welcomed Interim Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Phillip to the Cabinet.

**Presentation on Suicide Prevention Grant – Dr. Heather Flynn from the Florida State University College of Medicine**

Dr. Flynn presented to the Cabinet a powerful and very informative power point presentation. Listed below are some of the highlights from the presentation:

* The number of suicides has increased 24% over the past ten years
* Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of deaths in youths ages 10-24 years old
* Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of deaths in young adults 25-34
* 280 children/youth died by suicide in Florida in 2014
* One child/youth dies by suicide every 32 hours
* Almost 5,000 emergency room visit for suicide attempts
* Almost 2,000 hospitalizations for suicide attempts
* Un-treated or under-treated mental health is the major risk factor for suicide
* Those that died from suicide 90% had a diagnosable mental disorder
* Most who attempted suicide had seen a health care or social service professional in the past 3 months of the suicide attempt
* Suicide accounts for up to 20% of maternal deaths
* Prevention efforts began in 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico
* 2008-2011 USF was awarded 1.5 million through the SAMHSA to pilot test multi-component suicide prevention program in Duval County, Florida
* 2011-2014 USF was awarded an addition 1.44 million through SAMHSA to expand implementation of the state suicide prevention plan into 3 Florida regions
* 2014-2019 USF (in partnership with SOSP, FCCMH, UCF) awarded funding through SAMHSA 3.68 million to further expand implementation of the state suicide prevention plan into various regions in Florida

Dr. Flynn requested that the Cabinet create a task force to study suicide data and create an awareness campaign to combat this growing health problem.

The Cabinet agreed to create a task force and Chair Walters nominated Tanya Wilkins to serve as the Chair of the task force and for Victoria Zepp to also serve on the task force.

**Discussion on Renewal of the MOU Interagency Agreement**

In 2012 this Cabinet facilitated an Interagency Agreement for coordination of services and data collection with the current agreement in place until July 1, 2017. It was pointed out that given the amount of time it took to get the agreement through all of the approval processed of the various agencies, the Cabinet should begin now with the renewal process as to keep this seamless interagency agreement on-going.

Secretary Elizabeth Dudek has provided the interagency agreement to the respective agencies for their review and updates. Secretary Dudek will compile all the proposed changes based upon those reviews. The draft interagency agreement will be reviewed at the next Cabinet Meeting.

**Presentation on Perinatal Care Mental Health – Lauren DePaola, CEO/Founder of Postpartum Wellness & Family Counseling**

Lauren DePaola presented to the Cabinet an informed power point presentation on the health risk posed by perinatal mental health. She described how her advocacy is creating awareness and bringing much needed attention to the issue.

Lauren informed the Cabinet that Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMAD) can occur any time during pregnancy and any time in postpartum; including postpartum depression and anxiety panic disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder. Additionally, she recommended that women should be screened for depression during pregnancy and after giving birth.

Lauren requested that the Cabinet establish and convene a statewide perinatal mood and anxiety disorders task force to develop recommendations and educational material to include am annual proclamation in May recognizing perinatal mental health awareness, dedicate space on the DCF website for education, resources and a provider clearinghouse (USF) on Perinatal Mental Health.

Chair Walters moved that the Cabinet issue a proclamation declaring the month of May Perinatal Mental Health Awareness month.

**Overview of Agency Legislative Session Review**

Chair Walters suggested that when the Cabinet meets in August, it should use that time as an opportunity for people to present issues for the Cabinet to consider to support for the next legislative session. During the November meeting the Cabinet will vote on the issues and start to formulate policy positions.

Secretary Daly stated that the Department of Juvenile Justice had a successful session. One of the biggest highlights was that the detention cost of care bill passed following a 10 year process. Additionally, HB 7061 passed that changed how the Department of Motor Vehicles will now not charge kids that are transitioning out of detention and for kids on probation to get at no cost identification card.

She also informed the Cabinet that HB 293 clarifies that a juvenile’s criminal history record is exempt from public inspection in addition to being confidential it removes language that the records of the juvenile who has been found to have committed 3 or more misdemeanor violations that all misdemeanor violations are confidential and exempt and authorizes custodian of records, FDLE the option of not posting the juvenile’s arrest photo on their websites. Lastly, SB 386 requires that certain exceptions of all records maintained by FDLE related to minors not classified as serious or habitual and who have not been committed to a correction facility automatically expunge when the minor reaches the age of 21.

Tanya Cooper, with the Department of Education, informed the Cabinet that Governor Scott and legislators prioritized funding for students this year with $20.2 million for all public schools, which includes $11.3 million in day funding which is the highest amount ever. There was an increase in $71/student for a total of $7,178/student. Additionally, $80 million was also invested in digital learning. Ms. Cooper also described how HB 719 provides the department with additional tools to assist in investigating educator misconduct as well as access to DCF child protective findings. Lastly, HB 7029 will allow for the closure of Charter Schools that receive 2 grades of “F” and HB 229 that requires each school district to review its bullying and harassment policies which updates every 3 years.

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Director McKinnon discussed HB 7053 and how it requires the Department of Children and Families to do an annual safety inspection on all child care centers. Additionally, HB 7029 provided an additional $5 million for scholarships for early education teachers.

Dr. Philip spoke on HB 7053 and how it expanded the list of entities that have access to child abuse reports for purposes of approving providers of school readiness services; revising the requirements for the Department of Health to maintain a clearinghouse of information for parents and health care providers and to increase public awareness of developmental evaluation and early intervention programs. HB 941 focuses on racial and ethnic disparity by making connections with other programs within the Department.

Secretary Carroll discussed HB 673 on adoption and how it revises circumstances under which adoption consent is valid and requires the court to determine under certain circumstances whether change of placement of child is in child’s best interest, rather than whether change of placement is appropriate. He spoke on Child Welfare receiving $14.8 million for case management services that will go directly to the Community Based Care and an additional $8 million for safety management services to provide in-home services to keep children safe. Additional funds of approximately $5 million for adoptions, $7 million for maintenance adoptions subsidies, $3 million for training, $3 million for human trafficking,$2 million for Healthy Families as well as funds to expand FIT and CAT teams for in-home intensive wrap around care of services was received

Alan Abramowitz highlighted how foster parents can now testify at every hearing and how transition for foster children’s living arrangements were once immediate now have a transition plan requirement.

Jeff Smith, representing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, explained how funds were received for our waiver enrollment to provide services to an additional 1,400 clients, concentrating on those children that are close to aging out or coming out of foster care.

Secretary Elizabeth Dudek described the passage of HB 5101 regarding the Florida Kidcare Program and how the legislation removes the 5 year waiting period. Also, HB 221 and 1175 looks at transparency in health care, the type of information that needs to be provided by hospitals and insurers and how individuals receive services. Lastly, HB 819 provides for the future removal of dental services as a minimum benefit of managed care plans; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement a statewide Medicaid prepaid dental health program upon the occurrence of certain conditions; specifying requirements for the program and the selection of providers.

Zack Gibson reminded the Cabinet that a bill was passed to add a school Superintendent to the Florida Children’s Youth Cabinet.

**Dr. Carol Probstfeld President of State College of Florida**

President Probstfeld provided a welcome by the college and encouraged the cabinet members to tour the nursing simulation lab. She also highlighted how their college students range from right out of high school to senior citizens.

Additionally, she spoke about the College reach out or CROP program used to motivate and prepare middle and high school students to come to explore the College. This year the CROP program has 52 graduating seniors, 50 plan on attending college and 2 are entering the military. More than half of the 2016 CROP seniors are taking advantage of the Summer Bridge Program. The Summer Bridge Program is designed to provide activities and instruction over the summer to ensure that students are prepared for success when entering the next school year.

**Special Recognition of Senator Nancy Detert**

Senator Nancy Detert thanked the cabinet members for all their kind words. She acknowledged that her work was not done alone. And it was her great privilege to be the children’s hero. The cabinet presented the *Children’s Champion Award* to Senator Nancy Detert for devoting her career in life for positive change and success for the most vulnerable children in Florida.

**Workgroup Alignment to Children and Youth Focus Areas and Headline Indicators**

Sandy Neidert, Office of the State Courts Administrator, presented on the Multiagency Group Inventory Headlines. Her presentation highlighted how the indicators demonstrate steady improvement in the following key areas:

* Birth to women with fewer than 12 years of education is slow and steadily improving
* Teen births are slowly decreasing
* Domestic Violence statistics are showing steady improvement

Indicators showing little or no change include:

* Mothers beginning prenatal care in the first trimester – little to no change
* Early childhood staff with bachelor’s degrees – little to no change
* Indicators worsening
* Children in poverty - 1 in 4 25% - worsening
* Children who are homeless - worsening
* Children in supportive neighborhoods - worsening
* Children whose kindergarten entry assessment scores show they are ready for school – conflicting data
* Children who are read to by their parents or relative caregivers – conflicting data
* Children who are maltreated – conflicting data
* Children with a medical home – limited data
* Children with health insurance – limited data
* 0-3 years first 1000 days choose and prioritize the 13 indicators. Solid foundation first 1000 days priority.

**Technology Committee Update – Chair Victoria Zepp**

Technology workgroup needs to prioritize and align with headline issues. What are we looking at within our own agency or interagency how do we collect that information, how do we share information. Data sharing agreement (MOU) technology barrier.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**Adjournment**

Chair Walters discussed the date of the next meeting that will be held will be tentatively August 25th in Hollywood, Florida.