**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet**

**Policy Impact Committee Meeting**

Friday, September 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Conference Call

Call-In #: 1-888-670-3525

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**Meeting Summary**

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**Attendance Summary**

**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Policy Impact Committee members via phone:**

* Chair Sandy Karlan, Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Member
* Diana Ragbeer, Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Member
* Sandy Neidert, State Courts System

**Staff in Attendance:**

* Lindsey Perkins

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting End Time: 10:55 a.m.

**Proceedings**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Chair Sandy Karlan called the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Policy Impact Committee meeting to order and welcomed everyone on the call.

**Policy Impact Committee: Next Steps & Issues to Support**

Chair Karlan provided a brief description of the Policy Impact Committee and explained its purpose, which is to determine what concepts and issues the Cabinet, as a whole, should support. Chair Karlan recommended that the committee develop a structure for deciding which issues to support. One suggestion was to continue to use the headline indicators referenced in previous Cabinet reports as they are or to select those that are measureable and achievable with Cabinet’s support. The purpose of this telephone conference was to establish an agenda for a working Policy Impact Committee meeting to be scheduled before the next full Cabinet meeting.

Sandy Neidert of the State Courts System discussed the State Multiagency Team, which is the interagency group that developed the Turning The Curve document and the listing of all the state-level interagency groups. She said they have compiled some preliminary data related to a group of children who are served by multiple agencies. These are children who receive interagency local, regional, and/or state level staffing’s because their needs are so great and services are so limited and expensive.

Sandy Neidert explained that if there are children involved in multiple systems, the State Multiagency Team will bring them in at the local level to try and solve the family’s needs through a multi-agency approach. The first step is to go to a local level staffing group. The next step is going to a regional level staffing group. If it cannot be resolved at the regional level, then it gets bumped to the state level. With the MOU in place, the agencies are getting more issues resolved at the local level. The state team still meets every month to staff cases that reach the state level, but it is rare that cases reach this level without being resolved. The State Multiagency Team meetings are currently used to discuss processes and improvements that can be done for children involved in multi-agencies. Currently, they are reviewing statistics of children that have been served by several agencies. Sandy Neidert stated that this group can serve in an advisory capacity to the Children and Youth Cabinet. Chair Walters has already approved this role. Sandy Neidert invited Lindsey Perkins to attend their monthly meetings so that we are all receiving the same information.

Chair Karlan agreed that it would be valuable for Lindsey Perkins, Executive Director of the Children and Youth Cabinet, to participate in this group and attend the meetings in order to have access to the most current information regarding programs for children in Florida.

It was the consensus of the committee that the headline indicators need to be revisited and revised. Diana Ragbeer, Florida Children and Youth Cabinet member agreed. She suggested that the committee prioritize and focus on three (3) to five (5) indicators (at the most) and work to move those forward. Everyone on the call agreed that the headline indicators needed to be revisited and reduced in order to prioritize issues going forward. Everyone also agreed that they believe in the concept of the First 1,000 Days.

Chair Karlan indicated that the Policy Impact Committee would benefit from the State Multiagency Team as a partner. She suggested that the State Multiagency Team review the headline indicators in light of the scientifically based research and data that they have compiled and make recommendations to the Policy Impact Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Sandy Neidert offered to put that on the State Multiagency Team’s agenda for their next scheduled meeting, October 7th, 2016.

Chair Karlan reiterated that they all agree on the First 1,000 Days, but also said she did not want to forget the teenagers. She asked Sandy Neidert if the State Multiagency Team covers issues concerning kids over the age of three (3); Sandy stated that they did. Diana Ragbeer stressed that youth affected or injured by random violence is a major issue in Miami-Dade County and that they have been working on community efforts to come up with strategies to combat the violence, and to discover the root causes of this behavior. This effort includes a partnership with the School Board and State agencies. Sandy mentioned Tallahassee is also experiencing a spike in violence and said she would like to replicate efforts in Miami-Dade. Diana offered to provide a PowerPoint and background information on what they have been working on. Chair Karlan suggested that this is an example of the kind of work that is being done to help teenagers and those aging out of care.

The committee members agreed that the committee will consider the recommendations of the Multi-Agency Task group at its next meeting. The committee will consider which of the indicators are still relevant or achievable and; how to prioritize the selected indicators, while considering which ones have the greatest return on our investment of time, energy and support. Once the Policy Impact Committee selects its priority guidelines, they will be presented to the full Cabinet for approval. A practical goal of this process will be to be able to provide a one page description of the top priorities as a guideline for those who appear before the Cabinet seeking our support.

The committee agreed that we should also address the re-creation of the children’s budget and to partner with the Technology Workgroup to bring it up to date. Lindsey Perkins will try to locate the previous children’s budget to be discussed at next committee meeting.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to speak

**Adjournment**

With no other business and an announcement that meeting minutes from the current meeting will be provided, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.