Addendum to Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Meeting Summary for Meeting January 22, 2018

1. The Cabinet members voted unanimously to support the following budget requests as presented by that Agency at the meeting because they are consistent with the three priority areas of the Cabinet as follows:

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Legislative Initiatives**

* Department of Health, Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip

(legislative budget request for Prescription Drug Monitoring Program)

* Department of Juvenile Justice, Secretary Christina Daly

(legislative budget request for intensive mental health residential beds)

* Department of Children and Families, Secretary Mike Carroll

(legislative budget request for first break initiative, spending authority for federal funding for the opioid crisis, substance abuse service system of care enhancements, specialized behavioral health services for dually-served youth and families)

**Early Childhood Legislative Initiatives**

* Office of Early Learning, Executive Director Rodney MacKinnon

(legislative budget requests for additional school readiness slots, continued performance funding, increase for base student allocation for voluntary pre-kindergarten)

* Department of Health, Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip

(legislative budget request for increased spending of federal funds for Early Steps)

* Guardian ad Litem, Executive Director Alan Abramowitz

(legislative budget request for additional advocate positions for Early Childhood Court)

* Department of Children and Families, Secretary Mike Carroll

(legislation to establish the Guardianship Assistance Program)

**Poverty Legislative Initiatives**

* Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Director Barbara Palmer

(legislative budget request to increase the waiver program)

2. Department of Children and Families Assistant Secretary, John Bryant, provided a presentation on the recommendations from the Task Force on Involuntary Examinations of Minors (a copy of the executive summary has been presented to the Cabinet members), the Cabinet voted to support the work of the Task Force and to encourage the legislature to give careful consideration to the recommendations of the Task Force.

3. The Cabinet members voted to support the continued work of the following programs as presented by the advocate agencies as being consistent with the Cabinet’s three priority areas:

* Guardian ad Litem, Special Counsel Deborah Lacombe

(proposed legislation for Early Childhood Court)

* Dr. Mimi Graham for The First 1,000 Days Coalition (Advocate Input)
* Jim Brancher for Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions (Advocate Input)
* Phyliss Kalifeh for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship Program
* Jim Bracher for The Florida Assn. of Healthy Start Coalition regarding substance abuse workers and a re-design of the healthy start program
* Diana Ragbeer, for the Florida Consortium of Advocates for Infants and Toddlers
* Tamara Price, for Help Me Grow