# Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

Technology Workgroup

**February 23, 2018**

**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST**

Department of Children and Families

Building 1, Room 132

1317 Winewood Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Join by Phone: 1-888-670-3525; Conference ID: 450-816-1561**

# **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.

**Attendance Summary**

**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Technology Workgroup members in attendance**:

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| * Victoria Zepp, Chair of Technology Workgroup * Joe Vastola, Department of Children and Families * Greg Ramsey, Guardian ad Litem | * Burt Walsh, Agency for State Technology * Joe Wright, Department of Health |

**Member Representatives via Phone**:

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| * Heidi Fox, Agency for Health Care Administration * Andre Smith, Department of Education | * Steve Davis, Agency for Persons with Disabilities * Miranda Beggin, Third Sector Capital Partners | * Steve Davis, Agency for Persons with Disabilities * Heidi Fox, Agency for Healthcare Administration |

**Staff in attendance**:

Meeting Start Time: 3:02 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 4:29 p.m.

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| * Lindsey Zander, Executive Director * Brian Menard, Gubernatorial Fellow |

## Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Victoria Zepp called the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet (CYC) Technology Workgroup (Workgroup) meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chair Zepp provided a recap of the CYC Tech Workgroup meeting held on Friday, January 12, 2018. Key takeaways from the meeting included the ongoing need to leverage data utilization and actionable technology for social policy. As agencies work to advance data capabilities, the underlying need for systems that can communicate across departments continues to be apparent. Rather than be lone rangers, working in silos, the Workgroup can facilitate an enterprise approach toward collaboration and data sharing.

Chair Zepp also informed the group that there is no barrier (Sunshine law) to individually meeting and discussing outside of the Workgroup/Cabinet, provided that no major decisions are made outside of the formal Workgroup/Cabinet meetings. Chair Zepp and Joe Vastola of DCF have not met yet, but will soon.

Chair Zepp provided a recap of the Sorenson Impact Winter Innovation Summit she recently attended. She revealed that Florida’s Children and Youth Cabinet has taken a leadership role compared to other cabinets or councils in the rest of the U.S. Florida is succeeding in sharing data and working towards integrated data systems.

**Action Item #1**: Chair Zepp will meet with Joe Vastola to discuss unique identifiers.

**Action Item #2**: Lindsey Zander will follow up with each Technology Workgroup member by sharing the Cabinet’s three legislative priorities.

## Introduction of the New Chief Data Officer

Chair Zepp introduced Burt Walsh, the new Chief Data Officer (CDO) for the Agency for State Technology. Burt Walsh explained to the group that the CDO position was created last year in legislation and is designed to assist agencies in securely sharing data in order for them to fulfill their respective missions. Burt commented that he will serve the agencies to the best of his abilities in order for them to continue serving the people of Florida.

## Brooke Valle, Implementing Pay for Performance in Workforce Development Presentation

Chair Zepp introduced the Workgroup to Brooke Valle, VP of Strategy for San Diego Workforce Partnership, who works with Third Sector Capital Partners in turning existing data into future opportunities for collaboration. The San Diego Workforce Partnership is one of the few groups that have successfully established pay for performance contracts.

Brooke Valle works with the workforce board for all of San Diego County in California. She assists in workforce development and preparation and maintains responsibility for research and data analysis. Brooke echoed that Florida is having an impact on the national scene in terms of data sharing and how important that work is.

Traditionally, contracted services have been done as cost reimbursement. Brooke’s team wants to move to a model where they pay when outcomes are achieved. They are focusing toward goals with a longer outcome cycle. Thus, they consider not just work retention within 12 months, but if the work is transformative, if the individual makes more, years later.

Furthermore, per the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, there is the opportunity for setting aside 10 percent for long term payment post program outcomes, which is unique and innovative. That 10 percent space has allowed the San Diego Workforce Partnership to think about paying for longer outcomes in a way that they couldn’t have previously. That 10 percent isn’t bound by a two-year funding cycle. Brooke’s team intentionally chose to leverage the 10 percent funding, rather than private dollars, in order to model a program that was replicable and would benefit more people across the country.

Chair Zepp likened their work to special taxing areas and services in Florida. Although it is a workforce issue, it is scalable to many of the partnerships the Technology Workgroup considers. She and Brooke discussed how many of these same partners are necessary to continue serving children and families. It is necessary to maintain a holistic look. An outcome focused contract will help the state to consider the connections among groups and how best to more holistically serve constituents.

## Group Discussion

Joe Vastola communicated that DCF uses IRS data for Medicaid eligibility, however there is a challenge in what can be done with tax data even after it is received. It may be more pertinent in some situations to simply ask other agencies for the solutions we need or how to establish sharing systems, rather than having to ask each other for data-which can be time consuming and costly-every time. Chair Zepp echoed that the technology is getting better, however the legality is sometimes a barrier.

Burt Walsh mentioned that AST has proviso of what data is being collected across the state, and by whom. The idea would be to have a resource for agencies to search for datasets and know where to find them. Burt has a spreadsheet template of the proviso and will share the spreadsheet among the Workgroup. Joe Wright (of DOH will also share an excel file.

**Action Item #3**: Lindsey Zander to send the Children’s Services Council report to Brooke Valle as well as to Workgroup members for them to send to the research liaisons.

**Action Item #4**: Heidi Fox will send an excel spreadsheet to Chair Zepp or Lindsey Zander of health related datasets the Agency had previously identified and published as a State Health Data Dictionary to disseminate among the Workgroup.

**Action Item #5**: Meeting attendees will send out support documents to Lindsey Zander to be distributed among the group.

# Next Steps

The transition plan has been tabled for discussion at a later date, along with the establishment of a charter.

## Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System

Florida has until July 21 to tell federal government if it agrees with new requirements for a comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. Child welfare funding is associated with this program. Data quality plan must also be in place for this program. However, it is an expensive system that DCF may not be able to adopt without state funding.

## Transition Materials

The goal is to have the initiatives, and specifically the unique identifier, together to present in addition to conversation regarding a transition plan.

**Action Item** **#6**: Lindsey Zander will send out the Cabinet charter to the Workgroup members.

# Public Comment

There was no public comment.

# Closing

The next Technology Workgroup meetings will be:

* Friday, March 23rd, 3-5 p.m.
* Friday, April 20th, 3-5 p.m.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.