

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Technology Workgroup Meeting
Friday, July 15, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Department of Children & Families (DCF)
1317 Winewood Blvd., Building 1, Conference Room #132
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Victoria Vangalis Zepp, Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Ramsey, Guardian ad Litem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Creamer, Department of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Neidert, Office of the State Courts Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marc Slager, Department of Children and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Wright, Department of Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chappella Riggins, Agency for Persons with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Geoff Fulcher, Department of Juvenile Justice |

Guests in attendance:

- Dr. Heather Flynn, FSU College of Medicine

Guests via Phone:

- Dr. Patty Babcock, FSU College of Medicine

Staff in attendance:

- Lindsey Perkins

Meeting Start Time: 3:01pm
Meeting End Time: 4:07pm

Proceedings

Call to Order and Welcome

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

The roll was called by Chair Zepp and a quorum was confirmed.

Chair Zepp reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

Review "DRAFT" Workgroup Charter

Agenda item was tabled due to Maureen Olson's absence.

Statewide Suicide Prevention Task Force Briefing, Dr. Heather Flynn

Dr. Flynn discussed the different phases of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Task Force. The first phase is to take a look at sources of relevant data across the state that pertains to death related data, and it would be ideal to also get injury-related data and suicidal ideation as well. Other agencies, like the Department of Health (DOH), may have death-related data but not suicidal ideation. The next phase is a systematic surveillance system, but it varies across

states on how this is done. Suicide attempt information is just as important as the death data. Chair Zepp asked the definition of ideation. Dr. Flynn said it is complex and could be anything from a thought, to a plan, to setting a date to do it, etc. We are currently waiting for guidance from the federal government (which they'll have at the end of August) on when to begin reaching out to the different agencies to find out what data elements they already have, who is responsible for uploading the information to the database, and who updates and maintains that database. Chair Zepp asked the group if anyone has familiarity with existing databases, or reports generated, within their agencies. Geoff Fulcher of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) said his agency is looking into it. DJJ has the ability to track some suicidal behavior information through their Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Dr. Flynn asked if DOH has a database that deals specifically with suicide, Joe Wright of DOH said he is unaware of any, but indicated that they have the ability to provide information on services provided as it pertains to children related to suicide.

Marc Slager of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) asked if the scope was to try and figure out what the contributing factors are and some sort of intervention process. He suggested that if an adult commits suicide, then it is important to learn what experiences that person went through as a child because those experiences could factor into why they decided to commit suicide. Dr. Flynn also included that children whose parents commit suicide are at higher risk of committing suicide. Marc stated that one of DCF's systems, Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) will have some useful information for the Taskforce. He is also going to look into another DCF system to see if there is any useful data there.

Dr. Flynn discussed the National Violent Death Reporting System which provides a lot of useful information, but Florida does not currently use it. Once the Workgroup gathers more suicide prevention data, Florida can then be able to apply to use this system.

Dawn Creamer of the Department of Education (DOE) asked how much surveillance data the Workgroup currently has. Dr. Flynn said there is only one effort in the state that she is aware of which is through a SAMSHA grant. Dawn said her husband used to do surveillance on suicides as an investigator in Tallahassee and suggested that the workgroup look into law enforcement agencies to see if they have any systems or information to track suicide data.

Dr. Flynn said Dr. McKeon is coming down to speak to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Task Force in August because Florida is so far behind other states. Dr. McKeon will advise the Taskforce on strategies that should be taken. The more information that the Taskforce has to show him; the more he can help us.

Chair Zepp discussed the SPIRIT program that is run through Sheriff's offices. When somebody calls into the hotline or a deputy sheriff picks up somebody that is in distress or in need, SPIRIT is a database that partners with vendors that allows the officer to call the vendors to set up the appointment in order to get the person the services they need. Chair Zepp stated that there is an assessment tool available, and wanted to know how they can tie these local resources into the Technology Workgroup. Dawn Creamer of DOE suggested that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) would be a critical agency that would have information on suicide because all law enforcement statistics roll up to FDLE.

Action Item #1: Lindsey Perkins will contact FDLE for a subject matter expert to advise on

local suicide data, present at our next meeting and any provide information in advance.

A copy of the Statewide Suicide Task Force membership list is in today's packets. Chair Zepp requested that each agency review it and if there are subject matter experts that need to be included to please send their names to Lindsey Perkins to add to the distribution list.

Action Item #2: Identify business unit suicide related subject matter experts by agency to include in distribution list.

Chair Zepp asked if the Agency for Persons with Disabilities captured anything related to suicide. Chappella Riggins of APD is going to go back and verify. She is also going to see if they have any adult data as well.

Action Item#3: Update from APD on incident database related to suicide data.

Dr. Babock asked if the Workgroup was going to be looking at suicide risk assessment, and if not, has the Workgroup thought about what the barrier or rational for not doing it is. Dr. Flynn advised that falls under phase three and they should look into training, comfort level, and workforce issues because it's not only a training and documentation issue, but it's also a comfort issue. This may be a good time to capture thoughts on the data currently being used.

Joe Wright of DOH asked for clarification on the information the Workgroup members needed to pull together. He asked if the focus was on what information is available that may lead as indicators, and what the age range is to be considered a child. Chair Zepp said the focus for the Cabinet is on the first 1,000 days. However, the Statewide Suicide Task Force won't just focus on children and youth, it will focus on Florida's entire population. She advised looking toward Dr. McKeon's advice and also toward how suicide data is currently being collected in the state to determine how to design and slice the data capture. It is important to determine comparative analytics; therefore, it is important to align the data that the Workgroup is collecting compared with data collected on a national level. Joe Wright advised that the Workgroup should hone in on what they want to focus on since this issue is broader than just the first 1,000 days and also considers adult populations as well. Chair Zepp suggested that a workgroup charter be created for each project the workgroup is working on.

Action Item #4: Chair Zepp will draft a charter for workgroup engagement on each project.

Action Item #5: Invitation for members to call-in, participate or watch in arrears the August 18, 2016 Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Chair Zepp tasked the workforce to check with their agencies to see if the agency touches on anything suicide-related. Dr. Flynn said it's all about coordination and if the Workgroup can partner with universities then federal money can come into the state to assist.

Marc Slager of DCF wanted to know what information from DCF would be helpful. Dr. Flynn suggested looking for trends and hot spots: do they have higher rates of depression? Are they living in poverty? Is there drug abuse? Etc. Marc said the main focuses of DCF are Economic Self Sufficiency, Mental Health, and Child Welfare, but he agrees that there needs to be a more narrow focus. Marc is going to connect with Dr. Sofia Castro of DCF to collaborate

efforts.

Action Item #6: Agency internal review of suicide data elements or assessment systems, plus any miscellaneous known related data at other state agencies or organizations.

Qualtrics Logic Electronic Data Interface/Exchange Inventory Status

Dr. Babcock asked what the next steps were for the Qualtrics, but she has not received any feedback other than DOH. Chair Zepp said this is a must-do for the Workgroup to work on. She asked if there were any barriers for the agencies to get the Qualtrics to Dr. Babcock. Marc Slager of DCF and Chappella Riggins of APD both stated that they will get that to Dr. Babcock. Greg Ramsey of Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) got clarity on the difference between the surveillance and spreadsheet projects and committed to complete the worksheet by the deadline. Chair Zepp asked for a deadline of August 1st to get the indicators in to Dr. Babcock.

Action Item #7: Lindsey Perkins will forward the original email to workgroup to ensure they are working off the correct criteria.

Action Item #8: All members will complete Qualtrics Exchange Inventory Status criteria for their agency and deliver to Lindsey Perkins by August 1, 2016. Lindsey will forward to Dr. Babcock.

Action Item # 9: Lindsey Perkins to schedule FDLE and agency updates related to suicide prevention on our August 19th meeting agenda.

Dr. Babcock said she is no longer employed by the Institute for Child Welfare, yet is now working with the College of Medicine at Florida State University. She will however still work directly with the Institute to get the data interface/exchange inventory project completed.

New Business: None

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to speak.

Adjournment

With no other business and an announcement that meeting minutes and action steps from the current meeting will be provided, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm.