**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet**

**Planning Workshop**

Thursday, July 20th, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

University of South Florida

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences

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**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**

FCYC members in attendance:

* Chair Wansley Walters
* Director Alan Abramowitz
* Senator Lauren Book (via phone)
* Secretary Mike Carroll
* Secretary Christy Daly
* Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte
* Director Zackary Gibson
* Representative Gayle Harrell
* Judge Sandy Karlan (Ret.)
* Director Barbara Palmer
* Diana Ragbeer
* Steven Uhlfelder, Esq.
* Victoria Zepp

Member Representatives in Attendance:

* Regina Allegretta & Kit Humbaugh (for Superintendent Sam Himmel)
* Deputy Secretary Beth Kidder (for Secretary Justin Senior)
* Doria Moody (Agency for Persons with Disabilities)
* Jacob Oliva (for Commissioner Pam Stewart)
* Judge Alice Blackwell (Justice Barbara Pariente)
* Sandy Neidert (State Multi-Agency Team)
* Dr. Norin Dollard, Florida KIDS COUNT
* Dennis Campa, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
* Flo Gutierrez, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Staff in Attendance:

* Lindsey Perkins Zander

**Proceedings**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

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

The roll was called by Lindsey Zander and quorum was confirmed.

Sandy Karlan, Chair of the Policy Impact Committee, provided an overview of the planning workshop, as well as the retreat objective: Cabinet members will define three problems to tackle during the next 18 months, using data from a variety of sources. The three problems are to be related to the vision of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet which is: *All children in Florida grow up safe, healthy, educated and prepared to meet their full potential.*

**Presentation on the History of the Cabinet**

Diana Ragbeer presented on the history of the Cabinet. On July 11, 2007, legislation was signed into law by Governor Charlie Crist that created the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet. The Cabinet is charged with developing a shared vision and strategic plan to guide the design and implementation of measurable outcomes and actions that promote collaboration and information sharing.

**Presentation on the Statute and Scope of the Cabinet**

Zack Gibson provided a review of the statute scope and charges. Section 402.56, Florida Statutes provides that all state agencies and programs that touch the lives of children and youth must work in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion. It maintains an emphasis on providing a continuum of services that benefit children from prenatal care through programs supporting successful transition to self-sufficient adulthood. Duties and responsibilities of the Cabinet include the following:

* Develop and implement a shared and cohesive vision;
* Develop a strategic plan;
* Develop and implement measurable outcomes that are consistent with the strategic plan and establish a baseline measurement for each outcome;
* Design and implement actions that will promote collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information sharing and service delivery;
* Foster public awareness of children and youth issues and develop new partners;
* Create a children and youth impact statement for evaluating proposed legislation, requested appropriations and programs;
* Identify existing and potential funding streams and resources for children’s services;
* Develop a children-and-youth-based budget structure and nomenclature; and
* Engage in other activities that will implement improved collaboration of agencies.

**Presentation on National and State KIDS COUNT Data**

Dennis Campa and Florencia Gutierrez with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, as well as Dr. Norin Dollard with Florida KIDS COUNT, provided an overview of the following:

* **Annie E. Casey Foundation:** Established in 1948, The Annie E. Casey Foundation is one of the largest national private foundations dedicated solely to improving the lives of children and families who are at risk of having poor outcomes.
* **KIDS COUNT:** Established in 1990 to provide quality data and information on children to decision makers and the public.
  + *National KIDS COUNT* (data book/policy reports/data snapshots): Ranks states using 16 key child well-being measures. Also, produces policy reports and data snapshots focused on informing the public about issues that impact children’s lives.
  + *State KIDS COUNT*: Collects data, produces local-level reports and advocates at the state-level to help ensure that children’s best interests are kept in mind when decisions are made.
* **The KIDS COUNT Index:** Offers a clear and concise means of tracking child well-being across states through time. It also enables child welfare advocates to easily pinpoint specific areas of concern and initiate targeted policy solutions as a result.

**Small Group Exercises:**

After reviewing data from several sources including the National KIDS COUNT Data, the Florida KIDS COUNT Data and the Long Range Performance Plans (LRPP) from the eight Cabinet agencies, the members of the Cabinet and/or their designees selected the three problem areas to tackle during the next 18 months (July 2017 through January 2019).

* **Group 1:** Dep. Secretary Beth Kidder, Diana Ragbeer, Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte, Director Barbara Palmer

1. Children Without Health Insurance
2. Young Children not in School (with a focus on ages 3 to 5)
3. Kids Living in Poverty

* **Group 2:** Chair Wansley Walters, Secretary Mike Carroll, Victoria Zepp, Vice Chancellor Jacob Oliva

1. Ages 0 - 3 (Continued Focus)
2. Teens with Significant Behavioral Health Issues
3. Multi-generational Approach (financial and other barriers)

* **Group 3:** Rep. Gayle Harrell, Judge Alice Blackwell, Kit Humbaugh, Secretary Christy Daly

1. School Readiness
2. Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA)
3. Children Living in High Poverty Areas

* **Group 4:** Steve Uhlfelder, Director Alan Abramowitz, Director Zack Gibson, Regina Allegretta

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Children in Poverty
3. Healthy Weight (birth and young children)

**After voting, below are the top three priorities the Cabinet will focus on:**

1. Continued focus on zero to three (0-3) (education) with an additional focus on School Readiness of children in the 3-5 age range – addressing issues such as children prepared for kindergarten;
2. Children living in high poverty areas (safety, health & education); addressing children in poverty; safe and affordable housing (and neighborhoods); and
3. Mental Health & Substance Abuse (safety and health); this includes teens with significant behavioral/mental health issues

The overriding concept for these three areas is that there must be a multi-generational approach to addressing these issues.

Each member left with a commitment to these three priorities and with the following tasks:

1. Identify a person or persons in their agency assigned to work on these three priorities. Lindsey Zander will be contacting each agency leader in the following weeks, requesting the name and contact information for the assigned person or persons.
2. Invite the assigned staff person(s) to attend the next meeting of the Cabinet to assist with presenting solutions and actions their agencies will take to address the three priorities. This may result in the creation of a multi-agency group or tasking an existing multi-agency group with this priority work.
3. The agenda for subsequent Cabinet meetings will focus on collective work around these areas with the agencies reporting out and monitoring by the Cabinet.

One of the primary goals as we go forward is to develop the method by which we will measure the outcomes and effectiveness of our collective work in these defined focus areas. Measurable outcomes are the key to effective progress. Additionally, as we further explore these three issues, there is a need to break down some of the data related to these three areas in terms of race, gender and disability.

**Public Comment**

There is no public comment.

**Closing**

The next Children and Youth Cabinet Meeting will take place on **Monday, October 2nd**, in Tallahassee, Florida.

**Adjournment**

Chair Walters adjourns the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet Planning Workshop at 3:00 p.m.