Meeting Minutes

North Dakota Children’s Cabinet Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Central Time
APT Solutions, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck
Virtual Call through GoToMeeting

Members in attendance

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<th>Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider</th>
<th>Kim Jacobson, Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone</th>
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<td>Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor’s designee</td>
<td>Honorable Justice Lisa McEvers</td>
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<td>Representative Kim Koppelman</td>
<td>Senator Joan Heckaman, Chair</td>
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<td>Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection &amp; Advocacy</td>
<td>Senator Larry Luick</td>
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<td>Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider</td>
<td>Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative</td>
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Members Absent

| Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider | Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction |

Other attendees

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<th>Kelli Ulberg</th>
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<td>Cathy Ferderer</td>
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<td>Kristen Hasbargen</td>
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Call to Order – 11:00 a.m. – Senator Heckaman

Motion to Pass Minutes from 4.11.2022 – Motioned by Russell Riehl, Second by Paula Condol.

Unanimous Approval

Report from Workgroup on Foster Care – Cody Pedersen – Presentation

- Short term solutions to help solve foster care issues: Utilize programs that are already in place like, FCE, ND Kinship Program, 211, and mobile crisis teams.
- Create grants to make more shelter care/respite care housing throughout North Dakota.
- Long term solutions need to focus on funding Behavior Health and Prevention Services, Family Advocacy Outreach, and Court Improvement Program.

Foster Care System Stabilization Recommendations - Kim Jacobson, Lynn Flieth, Holly Shellings, & Rhonda Allery - Presentation

- The state needs to focus on reducing the number of children in Foster Care. Some recommendations that were discussed are:
  o Developing a streamlined emergency placement process
  o Create provisional licenses to get professionals’ help sooner
  o Emergency homes are needed throughout the State of North Dakota
  o Create more flexibility in childcare rules to have more providers
  o Financial incentives for Foster Care Homes/Parents
  o Increase Funding
  o Create a network of specially foster care homes
  o No sudden or unjust discharges for children in foster care
  o Student loan repayment program

Update on System of Care Grant – Kelli Ulberg

- DHS-BHD applied for the System of Care grant. The purpose of this program is to provide resources to improve the mental health outcomes for children and
youth, birth through age 21, with serious emotional disturbances (SED), and their families.
- If awarded, ND could receive up to $3 million per year for up to four years.
- Proposed implementation areas include the area served by West Central Human Service Center (Bismarck) and Lake Region Human Service Center (Devils Lake).

Cabinet Discussion: Next meeting - Sen. Heckaman
- All-Day meeting is set for July 15th in the Judicial Wing of the Capitol, Room J327B.
- Board members must bring 5 topics on child welfare issues to discuss at the all-day meeting.
- Next meeting is set for June 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.  Adjourn