



Children's Cabinet Advisory Board Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

October 15, 2019

Claiborne Building – Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136 A&B

Member Name: Attendees

R. Renee Antoine
Alfreda Tillman-Bester
Marsha Shuler
Gina E. Eubanks, Ph.D.
Sherry Guarisco
Sarah Hinshaw-Fuselier, Ph.D.
Lenell Young
Kathleen S. Richey
Laci Polotzola
Stephanie Sterling
Kelly Lynn Pepper
Shanta Proctor
Sue Catchings

Toni Bankston
Mary Beth Scalco
Jill Slack, Ph.D.
Katina Semien
Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Ph.D.
Melanie Washington
Teresa Falgoust
Annette L. Fruge
Eric Griggs, M.D.
.Ronald Johnson
Ashley Politz
Lynn Clark

Non-Members: Guests

Faith Boudreaux
Elliot Mitchell
Deborah Fontenot
Bonnie Riley
Fiona Ritchey
Vaughn Chavez-Gray
Stephen Kauffman
Jim Hussey
Toni Bankston
Daniel Mintz
KC Kilpatrick
Tewabetch Negatu
Brenda Sharp

Melanie Richardson
Madeleine Kim
Terri Ricks
Susan East Nelson
Emily Distefano
Melissa Campbell
Jill Dyason
Connie Bellone
Janie Haynes
Vanessa Williams
Dara Shackelford
Charles Chandler

Welcome:

Dr. Dana Hunter, Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet, welcomed members and guests to the October 15th Children's Cabinet Advisory Board Meeting.

Staff:

Dr. Dana Hunter, Children's Cabinet Executive Director
Michele M. Rabalais, Children's Cabinet Executive Assistant

Call to Order:

Sherry Guarisco, Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB) Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Roll Call:

Michele M. Rabalais called roll.

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Catchings moved for approval of the August 13 minutes with the following changes:

1. Under "Vote on Budget Priorities" #3 should read "More ACES education needed in rural areas."
2. Erin Bendily should be referred to as Dr. Erin Bendily

Eric Griggs seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Dana Hunter gave the following highlights of the Children's Cabinet Report:

1. CCAB recommendations were compiled and were delivered to the Children's Cabinet by August 31st.
2. The last Children's Cabinet Meeting was cancelled; however, it will resume after elections.
3. Dr. Hunter continues to work closely with the First Lady and the No Kid Hungry campaign.
4. Only 36 states have implemented the Grab and Go breakfast model.
5. The First Lady's signature program is the No Kid Hungry Initiative which includes monthly meetings. Work continues towards increasing the number of schools implementing an alternative breakfast model, such as Grab-n-go.
6. The First Lady and several guests attended Wildwood Elementary where No Kid Hungry was kicked off for the first time two and a half years ago.
7. On September 25th the First Lady held a Human Trafficking Summit in the Governor's Mansion. Experts from across the state shared best practices and discussed what strategies they are using in their region. The District Attorney who prosecuted the only Human trafficking case in the state was also present.
8. The Human Trafficking grant is up and off the ground. Job announcements have begun to go out and in early January employees will be hired and trained to work in the state of Louisiana.
9. A discussion was held to create a Survivors Council to hear from those who have survived Human Trafficking.
10. In March or April the first risk screening training will be held to provide teaching on the Evidence Based Screening tool to be used in the school system for Human Trafficking.
11. Raise the Age was implemented on March 1st. The Raise the Age law requires 17-year-olds to be placed in Juvenile Detention Centers instead of adult prisons if a youth is detained.
12. Children and Youth Training Boards were implemented in 2003 or 2004 to oversee Juvenile Justice Reform methods. Some are working well, however, others are nonexistent. The boards received no funding.

13. Dr. Tewabetch Negatu is now in charge of the Grandparents Council and is doing a good job in making sure the seats are filled, listening to grandparents' concerns to make sure that concrete action steps can happen and determine structure-wise where grandparents fit better.
14. **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)** state scale collaborative: a law was passed for risk screening tools to be used to see if juveniles need to be detained.

Update from CCAB Chair

1. Sherry Guarisco spoke concerning the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund (LCTF). Katina Semien, LCTF Executive Director, informed CCAB that approximately 38 grants were awarded this year. In addition, Ms. Semien stated that the next round of grant applications will be available in January, 2020.
2. The Children's Trust Fund is under the Office of the Governor under the Children's Cabinet.
3. Dr. Larry Hebert who created the Children's Trust fund recently passed away.
4. Stephanie Sterling and Sherry Guarisco had a conversation with an attorney who works in the immigration detention field who was a former ICE employee. There are no children that are being detained in Louisiana in any facility. Sherry Guarisco mentioned that she was interested in ICE; if it is a single parent that parent is not taken.
5. Sherry Guarisco said that her specific concern was whether any migrant youth were being detained in state facilities and the answer was 'no'.

Discussion followed

Maternal Mortality:

Carmen Green, National Training Director with the National Birth Equity Collaborative (NBEC), gave a presentation to provide information on maternal mortality. NBEC creates solutions that optimize Black maternal and infant health through training, policy advocacy, research and community-centered collaboration. Discussion followed.

Update on Results of October 12th Election: Susan Nelson

Susan Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Louisiana legislative and statewide election results. Ms. Nelson stated that the secretary of state and the Governor are in runoffs.. In addition, Ms. Nelson reported that there were some significant changes in the Senate. Discussion followed.

CCAB Recommendations to the Cabinet for specific budget items due 11/30/2019

1. It was proposed that another CCAB Meeting should be scheduled in regards to the budget recommendations prior to the Children's Cabinet Meeting.
2. Need to focus on the legislature and the fiscal issues as a group.
3. The Youth Aging out of Foster Care law has passed.
4. There was a discussion about infant and toddler mental health needs as well as stabilizing Department of Children and Family Services operations
5. The group discussed the victims of bullying and those who bully have been victims of trauma
6. Acadiana-over projected numbers; July 2020 is full implementations.
7. Families Trust-implement October 2020.
8. Planned to meet November 20th @ 1pm again to discuss budget.
9. Each subcommittee will meet before November 20th meeting to discuss what was discussed in the meeting. (specific budget priorities). Discussion followed.

CCAB Nominations and Elections

A motion was made to nominate Judge Kathleen Stewart-Richey as Chair of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board. All approved.

Sue Catchings made a motion to close the nominations. Kelly Lynn Pepper seconded the motion. All approved. Kathleen Stewart-Richey will now serve as Chair of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

Stephanie Sterling made a motion to nominate Lenell Young as Vice-Chair of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board. Alfred Tillman-Bester seconded the motion. All approved.

Eric Griggs made a motion to close the nominations and the motion was seconded. All approved. Lenell Young will now serve as Vice Chair of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

Alfred Tillman-Bester made a motion to nominate Marsha Shuler as Secretary of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board and the motion was seconded. All approved.

Libbie Sonnier-Netto made a motion to close the nominations. Eric Griggs seconded the motion. All approved. Marsha Shuler will once again serve as Secretary of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

Other Business

Sherry Guarisco was presented an award for completing two (2) consecutive terms. The award was presented by Dr. Adren Wilson, former Children's Cabinet Executive Director, and Dr. Dana Hunter, Children's Cabinet Executive Director.

Members were encouraged to register to vote and walk their neighborhoods to discuss the upcoming elections.

Public Comments

Healthy Start-Risk assessment tool refunded for the next 5 years.

October 24: No small matter screening in N.O. @ Delgado. Tickets are available online.

March of Dimes: 1st Better health Outcomes Summit: Offices November 12th.

December 3rd: LAPEN Summit: Parenting with ACES

National Adoption Month in November

November 17th 2pm-4pm: LAAB having adoption event: "Instant Family"

2019 Meeting schedule is as follows:

Upcoming CCAB meetings:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm), State Capitol Press Room 4th Floor

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (CCAB), State Capitol Press Room 4th Floor

Upcoming Children's Cabinet meeting: TBD

Adjournment

Ashley Politz a motion to adjourn. Eric Griggs seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned.