Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

September 9th, 2014

Unapproved Minutes

**Members Present:**

Alexandra Hazlaris (Louisiana Children’s Advocacy Centers), Amanda Brunson (Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana), Kelly Pepper (Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations), Sharon Tucker (DCFS), Derek Little (DOE), George Murray (Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges), James Sprinkle (Families Helping Families), Judy Harrison (Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund), Sherry Guarisco (Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families), Myra Magee (Parent Representative), Jodie Holloway (Louisiana Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry), and Sean Hamilton (Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)

**Interested Parties:**

Lenell Young (LAPEN), Connie Thai (Children’s Advocacy Centers of LA), Heather Taylor (DHH), Aaron Blackledge (LA211), Ellis Roussel (Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs), Racheal Hebert (Sexual Trauma Awareness Response), Liz Kearney (Office of Community Programs)

The meeting started with a welcome and introduction of members and interested parties.

A quorum was secured 20 minutes into the meeting.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

A motion to accept the August minutes was tabled until corrections are made to the August minutes.

There was a request to note that the voting process did not allow the Advisory Board to consider programs funded through DHH because we did not have the opportunity to access that information. Additionally, the DCFS figures for childcare assistance were wrong and needed to be corrected.

**Action Items:**

CCAB Budget Report: Since sending out the draft, a few agencies have suggested some minor technical changes. Executive Director, Christie Smith, did receive feedback from Melanie Bronfin, who expressed that she was pleased that LA4 and CCAP were at the top of the list, but she wanted to request that we specifically mention TANF as one of the possible funding sources. She also suggested that we include some information from the DCFS website that would reflect that the number of children being served has decreased from 40,374 to 15,611.

Comments: While TANF funding was previously used to support CCAP, it would be in the best interest of all children and families to explore other funding sources for childcare assistance as we don’t want to take away from other funding streams that support child welfare. It was suggested that CCAB not settle for funding one program at the expense of any of the other programs. Additionally, it would be useful to add in the numbers of children served, because the other programs do show the number of children served. Under “areas served” we could show the trend in the numbers of children served.

A motion to accept the CCAB Budget Priority Report was made by Judge Murray, seconded by James Sprinkle and approved by all.

*\*Calendar Changes*: The CCAB meeting schedule for November 11th will be moved to the 10th because the 11th is a holiday.

**Action Items: Strategic Plan Review:**

**211 Update**—Aaron Blackledge of Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention/211 Center

Aaron shared with the Advisory Board the capabilities and components of 211 and explained the potential of the program. He explained that the biggest challenge for 211 right now is the lack of partnerships and real financial commitment and they are in the process of identifying where all the opportunities are.

Kelly Pepper, representing LANO, expressed interest in a meeting with Aaron to discuss a potential partnership opportunity.

**Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR):** Rachael Hebert from STAR covered the sensitive issues that surround the issue of child sexual abuse. STAR provides opportunities for agencies servicing children to expand their understanding of the reality and scope of child sexual abuse.

**Public Comments:**

**Save the date**:

* The LAPEN Summit will be held January 21, 2015
* The Together We Can conference will be held at the Lafayette Hilton, October 28-30.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment was made by James Sprinkle and seconded by Judge Murray.

Meeting Adjourned