Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday August 12th, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Unapproved Minutes

***Welcome and Introduction of Members:***

Members present: Alexandra Hazlaris (Louisiana Children’s Advocacy Centers), Kelly Pepper (Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations), Danita LeBlanc (DHH Office of Behavioral Health), Becky White (LSU, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service), David Helveston (Louisiana Workforce Commission), Sharon Tucker (DCFS), Derek Little (Department of Education), Makesha Judson (Louisiana Chapter of March of Dimes), Lindsey Ursy (Institute of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health at Tulane University), George Murray (Louisiana Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges), James Sprinkle (Families Helping Families), Jennifer Karle (Louisiana Association of Childcare Agencies), Jonathan Chapman (Louisiana Primary Care Association), Judy Harrison (Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund), Lynette Celestin (Louisiana Families In Need of Services Association), Nasha Patel (Department of Education), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Lenell Young (LAPEN), and Sherry Guarisco (Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families), Carmen Weisner (National Association of Social Workers)

Interested Parties: Connie Thai (CACLA Vista), Connie Boodson (OPORT), Valarie Laday (OCDD-DHH), Jay Starks (CDE), Thomas Thompson (DHH), Stephan Kaufman (Advocacy Center), Matthew Wallace (NFA), Sarah Turner (GOV), Megan Ready (LANG-YCP) and Rubye Noble (JPLDO)

Quorum was secured

***Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes***

Motion to approve the July minutes was made by James Sprinkle, seconded by Judge Murrary and approved by all.

***Action Items:***

Agency presentations:

**OJJ:** OJJ received an agency budget increase of $6 Million. The increase will cover initiatives in their facilities, field offices non secure residential programs and community based services. There will be a new RFP coming out for residential and community based services with slots that need to be filled (the dollars will be realigned statewide to address need). The programs described included family preservation, parent education program, mentor and more reintegration programs.

**DOE** The department has four budget items that it has continued to pay close attention to, including three that are providing direct services to children and one supporting teachers to build literacy skills in young learners. LA 4 is the state funded program in its 14th year that provides services to just under 16,000 children statewide. Additionally, Title 1 covers about 7,000 children. The third program (IDEA) provides special education and related services for children ages 3-5.

**DCFS:** The first initiative covered was the childcare assistance program (CCAP). The program serves low income families and will be transitioning to DOE in July. For SFY 2013-2014, CCAP served an average of 15,924 children per month at an average cost of $200 per child per month. The second program is the child protection investigation focusing on child abuse and neglect. It serves approximately 46,000 children. The next is Foster Care servicing approximately 8,000 and the last is Youth in Transition serving approximately 1,400.

**LWC:** Most of the LWC are federal funds which are targeted to the adult population. A few of those federal funds target children ages 16 and older and one with some general funds. Louisiana Rehabilitation Services which consists of individuals with disabilities to find, modify or to retain their employment**.** These funds will help the transition plans for children ages 16 and older.

**DHH:** The vast majority of the DHH budget is federal. Of the 9.5 Billion, 5.7% is Federal. One initiative is the Bayou Health Program servicing approximately 900,000 people, mostly children. DHH is transitioning to Managed Long Term Supports and Services. An RFP will go out in late fall this 2014. DHH is also working with Behavioral Health Services.

DHH did not provide program information sheets for the voting process. Members expressed they would like DHH programs protected in the budget as well but were unable to include them as they did not participate in the Budget Priority process.

***Action Items: Voting Process***

CCAB Priority Program Selection Ballot Results:

**Early Childhood**

* Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)- DCFS **(8 votes)**
* Title 1 Pre K program- DOE
* LA 4 Pre K program- DOE **(15 votes)**
* ELFA (Early Literacy for All Initiative)- DOE **(4 votes)**
* IDEA Preschool Grant- DOE **(3 Votes)**

**Physical/Behavioral Health**

* Behavioral Health Services- OJJ **(4 Votes)**
* Child Protection Investigations- DCFS
* Contracted Community Based Services- OJJ **(5 Votes)**
* Foster Care- DCFS **(9 Votes)**
* Secure Care for Adjudicated Youth- OJJ

**Training & Workforce Development**

* Louisiana Rehabilitations Services- LWC **(2 Votes)**
* Reintegration/Reentry Services0 OJJ **(4 Votes)**
* Youth Transition- DCFS **(8 Votes)**

**Integrated Data System**

* Louisiana Early Childhood Education Data System

The CCAB votes were divided into 2 tiers and the first 5 got the most votes. It was the desire of the CCAB to also explain why the second tier is important. Below are the CCAB votes for the budget.

***First Tier:***

* LA 4 Pre K program – DOE
* Foster Care – DCFS
* Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – DCFS
* Youth Transition – DCFS
* Child Protection – DCFS

***Second Tier:***

* ELFA (Early Literacy for All Initiative) – DOE
* Reintegration/Reentry Services – OJJ
* Behavioral Health Services – OJJ
* IDEA Preschool Grant – DOE
* Louisiana Rehabilitation Services – LWC

***Adjournment:*** Motion to adjourn made by James Sprinkle, seconded by Judge Murray.Meeting adjourned