



Children's Cabinet Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes-May 10, 2016

Claiborne Building, Room 1-153

Greetings & Introductions

Children's Cabinet Executive Director, Dr. James Gilmore, called the meeting to order at 10:00am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet discussed the appointees of the first group of Advisory Board Members approved by the Governor. He advised that if they did not see their organization on the list of appointees, there would be more confirmations forthcoming. He reminded them that they must complete the application online. He informed that the Board is made up of 47 organizations. The appointees received a form in the mail that must be completed, notarized and returned within 10 days because they must also be approved by the Senate, chaired by Karen Peterson.

Question: If you have done one for another program, do you still have to do another one?

Answer: Yes

Comment: They will probably do a global affirmation with us

Comment: With this committee, you do not have to fill out financial disclosures.

Dr. Gilmore advised that the Governor's Office of the Children's Cabinet has written a letter of support for the Children's Trust Fund for grant application, Office of Public Health and after school grant program. If there is an opportunity for us to be an advocate for your organization, especially in writing, with a letter of support or by communicating with federal agencies, or by connecting with Congressional delegations to help access and bring dollars

to the state for children, let us know. The Governor's Office will ask if there are any other organizations in the State applying for that grant because we don't want to support XYZ school system and there are competing schools. Presently, we are writing a letter of support for the Department of Education and in this case, we would write a letter of support for all grant applications coming from the State of Louisiana. There is a Homeless Grant coming up and we are advocating for all organizations that are applying for grants to fight homelessness.

Overview given of the Clergy Day Event that occurred on the Capitol Steps May 5, 2016 which was sponsored by the Office of Policy and Planning. Ministers were invited to the Capitol and the Governor is very enthused about having faith based organizations serve as a mobilizing and organized force to advocate for children and family policy. There is a faith based leader in our state taking on each child issue. For instance, Rev Gerard Robinson will be responsible for advocating in the faith base community as it relates to "Raise the Age." Various clergy have been identified that will speak with their congregation and faith base groups to make sure that they understand what we are advocating for, as it relates to children and family.

Sandy Hook Promise

Nicole Hockley who child was murdered in Sandy Hook started an organization called Sandy Hook Promise, met with the Governor a couple weeks ago. She has partnered with Tim Makris who son was a survivor of the Sandy Hook massacre. They offer four types of training/intervention programs for teens at no cost. They are as follows:

1. Mental Heal Identification & Intervention
2. Teaching Youth and Teens How to Recognize the Signs & Signals of At Risk Behavior and Potential Threats in Social Media
3. Start With Hello: Promoting Social Inclusion and Community Connectedness
4. Safety Assessment & Intervention: An Evidence-based Prevention Program to Evaluate and Resolve Threatening Behaviors before They Escalate into Violence

The Governor wants to encourage organizations that serve youth to take a look at these programs and see how they may benefit to your organization.

Question: Has these trainings been pre-approved for different professions?

Response: That answer must be obtained.

Sandy Hook Promise presented at the La. Sheriff's Association. There were approximately 10 sheriffs in attendance (including EBR) from across the state and they all said they would share the information with their staff and have them to be trained in these areas.

Dr. Gilmore advised that he would like to create a center for evidence based practice in the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board to share best practices, resources, not compete and grow programs. Could be connected to the Kid Dashboard. This will be an agenda item and once session is over, he will speak with the Governor.

Updates:

HB 1061

HB 1162 Bill that creates LA3 to allow 3yr olds to access public education.

Began in New Orleans, La. as a pilot with a price tag of about \$500,000.

Statewide pilot had a price tag of about \$81 million. It appears to have passed appropriations this morning with a price tag of 251,000.

The Governor's Office has concerns with fiscal notes. They began off as pilots and turn into items we can't afford. We want all children to have access to early childhood education, but it's how we do it.

HB 833 Governor's Office staying neutral on the belief that we do have high suspension and expulsion rate in this state that we need to address. This bill creates a task force with the Children's Cabinet Director being on the task force that will work with other experts and professions in the area of PBIS to

identify alternatives to suspensions and expulsions in schools. This does not take away the authority from teachers and principals to discipline and it does not have a fiscal note. The schools decide if they want to comply with the recommendations. The Goal is to find ways to identify ways to refund PBIS.

SB 324 "Raise The Age" Bill - Governor's Package Bill will be heard on tomorrow in House Criminal Justice at 9:30am.

Dr. Gilmore attended the first Youth Aging out of Foster Care Task Force Meeting. An attendee gave an overview of the Task Force Meeting as follows: It is a legislative mandated task force, trying to get a house concurrent resolution to extend the life of the task force. The task force has been meeting for over a year. Still haven't gotten a program reinstated within DCFS with this at risk population. Done a lot of data collection which was included in a report submitted to the legislature. We were expanding who should serve on task force and include a representative from Governor's Office (Dr. Gilmore). We would like to pull together what would be a programmatic design that would include a lot of community stakeholders that want to bring resources, solutions and create programs for the kids. We did a Survey Monkey Survey and those that responded the most were those who worked in the educational system. They did not like the programmatic design that was in place prior and want them to do a better job in pulling something together. They have worked to submit the language to extend the work of the task force to Representative Billiot. He will offer the concurrent resolution (94) and we assume that the rest of the legislature will support it.

Childcare Licensing

Due to session, a lot of time has not been able to be committed but a lot relates to Act 3. This will be priority after session. There is a concern of trying to make afterschool programs licensed.

Dr. Gilmore advised that he attended East Baton Rouge Urban Black Congress one day Conference sponsored by a local organization in Baton Rouge. It was well attended and had great ideas and discussions. Reports have been

completed since then that he will be glad to share. After session, the Governor has asked his staff to identify solutions to issues that black males are facing in Louisiana as a whole.

M. Project

Approach Governor about a month ago asking for support in navigating through the DCFS licensing system in order to open a safe haven for women and girls who are victims of human trafficking. The facility broke ground on couple of weeks ago. Found solutions and navigated through DCFS – great partnership.

Strategic Direction

Anyone who would like to work on a plan, please let the Dr. Gilmore know. The old plan can be used as a base for planning.

