



State of Louisiana
Office of the Governor
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

JJDP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Marriott Baton Rouge
5500 Hilton
Baton Rouge, LA
February 29, 2012
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Landry called the meeting to order.

The following Board Members were present: David Burton, Julie Calzone proxy for Debra DePrato, Ted Cox, Claire Daily, Alberto Galan, Curtis Hooks, Charles H. Jackson, Roy Juncker, Jr., William "Bill" Landry, Dr. Mary Livers, Dana Menard, Ronnie Rossitto, Dr. John Ryals, Jr., Dr. David Walden, and David Zoller.

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement staff present were: Joseph "Joey" Watson, *Executive Director*, Katherine Guidry, *Federal Programs Section Manager*, Opal West, *Juvenile Justice Program Manager* and Crystal Foster, *Administrative Assistant*.

The following District Directors were present: Ronald Lampard and Helmer Magnuson, *Metropolitan/Jefferson CJCC*; Maria-Kay Chetta, *Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*.

Other guests in attendance were: Tracy Edwards Salario, *12th Judicial District Attorney*; Laketha Holmes, *36th Judicial District Court*; Josh Riley and Ronnie Gaudin, *AMI-Kids*; Sheriff Mike Waguespack, *AMI-Kids / Assumption Sheriff's Office*; Keesha Anderson, *City of Baton Rouge, Department of Juvenile Services*; Joy M. Bruce, *CASA New Orleans*, Greg Guthrie, *Center for Children and Families*; Lisa Hutchinson and Erin Arthur, *Hornby Zeller Associates*; Monique Hurst, *Kingsley House*; Sean Scott, *LaFourche Parish Sheriff's Office*.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman William “Bill” Landry asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the amendments as well as approve November minutes. Roy Juncker, Jr. made the motion. Claire Daly seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

OLD BUSINESS

A. YOUTH MEMBERS

Katherine Guidry advised that the Board is still out of compliance with the absence of youth members especially not having at least three that are currently or were involved in the juvenile justice system. Upon meeting the compliance standards OJJP will release special conditions and release the 2011 funds. Also, the reappointments of board members by Governor Jindal are pending.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Kathy Guidry read the following procedure:

LCLE staff would like to remind all recipients of the reporting requirements to be eligible to receiving Federal funds from this office.

Expenditure Reports are due in LCLE’s office by the 15th day following the reporting period. For example, if your project receives \$40,000 or more and/or if you receive less than \$40,000 and opt to report monthly, the expenditure report is due in LCLE’s office by the 15th day of the following month. If your project receives less than \$40,000, your expenditure report is due on a quarterly basis. This means your report is due in LCLE’s office by the 15th day of the month following the quarter period. Also, the equipment inventory list must be attached to the expenditure report if any equipment was purchased during the reporting period.

Quarterly Progress Reports regardless of the amount are due in LCLE’s office by the 15th day following the reporting period. For example: If your project start date is January 1, the quarterly progress report is due in LCLE’s office on April 15. If your project period starts on December 1, then your quarterly progress for the month of December is due in LCLE’s office by January 15.

All projects with a start date prior to the receipt of your Statement of Award and Special Conditions will be given pre-award costs. When you return the signed award letter, you are required to include the completed expenditure report and quarterly progress report that are due. For example: If your project period is December 1, 2011 and you return the award letter in March, 2012, please adjust your expenditure report to include all incurred expenses from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012 if you are on a monthly reporting basis. If you are on a quarterly reporting basis, the expenditure report will be for the

month of December only. For quarterly progress report, you must include the quarterly progress report for the month of December. If you filled a vacant position or had any changes in personnel and/or your budget, a subgrant adjustment is needed.

A subgrant adjustment request is required if there are any revisions to the original approved application. Subgrant adjustments must be submitted as soon as there are any changes needed. Subgrant adjustments must be in LCLE's office 30 days prior to the project end date to be considered. Personnel changes must be submitted immediately as they occur. LCLE will no longer accept a subgrant adjustment at the end of the project period that shows personnel changes that occurred throughout the entire project period. Also, you must include Subgrant Adjustment Form Page 3 along with the resumes.

Each application signed by the Authorized Official certifies to the Certified Assurance that the applicant agency will adhere to the reporting requirements. Future funding is contingent not only on the availability of funding, but proper grant management, which includes meeting the goals and objectives and submitting timely and accurate monthly, quarter and annual reports.

B. Disproportionate Minority Contact

Carle Jackson introduced selected contractor, Lisa Hutchinson, for phase II of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Study. There was much discussion from Ms. Hutchinson.

C. JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (JABG)

Katherine Guidry requested that the Grants Review Committee begin to review the JABG funding activities starting with today's meeting. The Committee's recommendations would be included in the Chair's Report to the Commission. This would allow the Board members to see all OJJDP-funded activities. A motion by John Ryals, Jr. to accept the implementation of JABG grants being heard by committee. Curtis Hooks seconded motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

D. GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

John Ryals, Jr. announced that the Grants Review Committee met at 9:00 a.m. and that nine members were present. The Committee's recommendations will be provided at the time of presentation of the funded activities. See attached report..

E. CONSIDERATION OF INCREASES- JABG

1. A09-8-034, Plaquemines Parish Government, "*Juvenile Justice Professionals Training*", Existing Federal Award \$15,000; Proposed Increase \$14,058; Revised Federal Award \$29,058

David Burton motioned to approve the increase. Ronnie Rossitto seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

F. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS- Title II (JJDP) & JABG

DISTRICT 7 – Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council / Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Commission, Ronald Lampard presented one application.

1. J10-7-001, AMIKids, *“Intensive Aftercare Program”*, \$26,002 (continuation), Representative: Sheriff Waguespack.

After much questioning the Grant Review Committee recommended approval for above application. Roy Juncker, Jr. motioned to recommend approval. Ronnie Rossitto seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

DISTRICT 8 - State Level, Opal West presented four applications.

1. A10-8-012, 36th Judicial District Attorney’s Office, *“Prosecutors (Staffing)”*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: David Burton \ Lakeisha Holmes

Ronnie Rossitto motioned to approve the above application. Curtis Hooks seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or David Burton abstained.

2. A10-8-013, City of Baton Rouge, *“Accountability Programs”*, \$57,312 (continuation); Representative: Keesha Anderson

Curtis Hooks motioned to approve the above application. Dana Menard seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

3. A10-8-020, Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office, *“Information Sharing”*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: Sean Scott

Roy Juncker, Jr. motioned to approve the above application pending special conditions. Claire Daly seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

4. J09-8-004, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, *“Juvenile Officers’ Training”*, \$5,000 (continuation); Representative: Katherine C. Guidry

John Ryals, Jr. motioned to approve the above application. Curtis Hooks seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

REPORTS

1. Governor's Conference – Dana Menard announced that the Governor's Conference would be held August 15-17, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. See attached report.
2. Children's Cabinet – See attached report.
3. State Legislation – Ronald Rossitto announced that session starts March 12, 2012.
4. DMC Committee – See attached report.
5. Federal Legislation – See attached report.
6. Office of Juvenile Justice – See attached report.
7. Juvenile Justice Federal Programs – See attached report.. Katherine Guidry added that FY 2012 JABG solicitation had just been released, however; Title II (JJDP) solicitation has not yet been released and the funds could be frozen if the board is not meeting JJDP Act requirements. Ms. Guidry also asked that a motion be made to continue the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) membership if funds are available. Ronnie Rossitto made a motion to continue membership pending the availability of funds. Roy Juncker Jr., seconded motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012-2014 Three Year Comprehensive State Plan
2. U.S. Department of Justice Site Visit – March 5-9, 2012
3. CJJ National Spring Conference, Washington DC. June 2012
4. Next Meeting Date – May 23, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Roy Juncker, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ronnie Rossitto seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Crystal Foster, Administrative Assistant

JJDP Advisory Board Grant Review Committee Report

By John S. Ryals, Jr., Ph.D., Committee Chair
February 29, 2012

The Grant Review Committee met immediately prior to the November 16, 2011 meeting. The Committee reviewed 9 applications – six were continuous programs and three were new. The committee continues to focus on program enhancements that focus on responsiveness, fiscal appropriateness, and use of proven practices. Several questions were presented to application representatives at the November 16th JJDP Advisory Board meeting. Responses to inquiries were acceptable.

Recommendations from the Grant Review Committee were presented to the JJDP Advisory Board for their discussion and motion for action.

The next meeting of the Grant Review Committee will be held the morning prior to the February JJDP Advisory Board meeting.

Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice

By Dana Menard, Chair
February 29, 2012

32nd Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice/2012

Due to new federal guidelines pertaining to conference expenditures, it was determined that the conference would be postponed until such time that all questions could be answered to avoid any problem areas as well as maintaining proper financial records. The new recommended site and date for the 2012 conference is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Baton Rouge on August 15-17, 2012.

LACLE is planning to send out a Save the Date announcement to inform former participants and other agencies about the date and location of the conference. This will assist them with scheduling and to adjust budgets as necessary since some work on a calendar year and others on a fiscal year, which may affect what conferences they are able to attend in a twelve-month period.

Work has not yet begun on locking in trainers, nor topics, but as soon as authorization is issued, we have collected information to begin this process and look forward to working with board members to provide another successful conference for the juvenile justice professionals in Louisiana.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee Report

By Vi-Eve Martin-Kohrs

February 29, 2012

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice's (CJJ) Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee recently completed their final draft of the DMC survey/report from those coordinators or JJ Specialists participating in the survey. CJJ felt they had an adequate representation to prepare a position paper. They will be distributing the report to the states shortly.

CJJ also distributed their 2011-2014 Strategic Plan, which continues to include DMC wording in the "Issue Areas", specifically, "CJJ will actively advance multiple issues, including: Eliminating racial/ethnic disparities in the justice system."

OJJDP and the MacArthur Foundation have formed a public-private partnership for juvenile justice reform on either a state or local level. Each will provide funding over two years to the Center for Children's Law and Policy to support Disproportionate Minority Contact reduction and reduction of racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The Center for Children's Law and Policy will provide technical assistance on evidence-based strategies to sites to measurably reduce racial and ethnic disparities. For more information contact Tiana Davis at tdavis@cclp.org.

Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Committee Report

By Vi-Eve Martin-Kohrs
February 29, 2012

On January 18, 2012, Assistant Attorney General Laurie O. Robinson announced that Melodee Hanes has been designated as the acting administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Hanes, who has served as the Acting Deputy Administrator for Policy at OJJDP for the past 2 1/2 years, replaces Jeff Slowikowski, who served as Acting Administrator for nearly 3 years. Slowikowski will become the acting deputy administrator for policy at OJJDP, which was Ms. Hane's former position. Prior to joining OJJDP, Hanes spent 16 years as a deputy county attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, and Billings, Montana, where she prosecuted child abuse, sexual assault, and homicide cases. She has trained child protection investigators and served as an adjunct professor of law at Drake University, where she taught child abuse law, forensic medicine, and forensic law. Hanes is a graduate of Drake University School of Law.

On the federal budget level, OJJDP has had its budget slashed nearly \$150 million by Congress in recent years. This year's budget reduction is critical; the states could see a severe reduction in its prevention monies.

On a brighter funding note, in a new private-public partnership, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation are jointly providing \$2 million to support innovative and effective reforms in treatment and services for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. OJJDP and the MacArthur Foundation each will provide a total of \$1 million over two years to four organizations to support juvenile justice reform in four target areas. These organizations will in turn offer states and local governments training and technical assistance to improve mental health services for youth, reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system and better coordinate treatment and services for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The targeted reforms include:

- **Mental Health Screening and Risk/Needs Assessment:** The National Youth Screening and Assessment Project at the University of Massachusetts Medical School will provide technical assistance on the use of evidence-based tools for case planning to reduce out-of-home placements and recidivism.
- **Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice:** The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice at Policy Research, Inc. will provide comprehensive adolescent development and mental health training for juvenile correctional and detention staff to improve their ability to respond to youth with mental health needs
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction:** The Center for Children's Law and Policy will provide technical assistance on evidence-based strategies to measurably reduce racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system.
- **Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Integration:** The Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps will provide technical assistance on implementing effective practices to reduce recidivism and out-of-home placement and to improve correctional alternatives for youth in the juvenile justice system, with a history of maltreatment.



BOBBY JINDAL, Governor

Office of Juvenile Justice

MARY L. LIVERS, Ph.D., MSW, Deputy Secretary

February 1, 2012

Dear JJDP Advisory Board:

The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) has made significant advances in the last three months.

Second Annual Champion of Louisiana Juvenile Justice Award



In this photo, Beauregard Parish District Attorney David W. Burton is accepting the second annual Champion of Louisiana Juvenile Justice Award from OJJ Deputy Secretary Dr. Mary L. Livers. The two are pictured at Jetson Center for Youth in Baker, where a Celebration of Change was held on December 13, 2011. Mr. Burton said the biggest change he saw was in the “mind-set, the change in philosophy,” the realization that in dealing with children, Louisiana could continue to warehouse them or try to transform the system to better prepare juvenile offenders to become productive members of society.

The Champion of Louisiana Juvenile Justice Award was created in 2010 to recognize those who have championed the cause of juvenile justice reform, and whose dedication and hard work have resulted in the overhaul of Louisiana’s juvenile justice system, which today provides better conditions and services for Louisiana’s at-risk youth. The first annual Champion of Louisiana Juvenile Justice Award was presented last year to Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine “Kitty” Kimball.

Decrease in Recidivism

We recently reported a second year with a decrease in recidivism. Recidivism is one of several outcome measures that determine the juvenile justice system's effectiveness in rehabilitating youth. The most current one-year rate which reflects youth who recidivate, or re-offend, within one year of discharge from custody or probation, decreased overall to a 13.1 percent rate—a 2.2 percent reduction in the recidivism rate. This means we have fewer youth reoffending after release from OJJ care.

The 2011 analysis indicates a .7 percent decrease in the one year rate for secure care, which we attribute to implementation of the therapeutic model in our facilities. The non-secure rate for one year after discharge decreased by 2 percent from the last reporting period and the one year rate for supervision youth decreased by 2.5 percent. It is a tremendous accomplishment that OJJ's overall recidivism rate now stands at 13.1 percent and that all 3 classifications – secure, non-secure and supervision have decreased.

The steady decrease in recidivism is attributed to the reform efforts of Louisiana's juvenile justice system, which allows appropriate placement and treatment for the youth we serve. OJJ's implementation of the Structured Assessment for Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) instrument identifies targeted need areas that are incorporated into the youth's treatment plan. The SAVRY also identifies the youth's risk level, allowing for appropriate placement within OJJ's continuum of care. Additionally, Service Coordination has provided consistency and individual management and oversight of the youth's cases. We attribute these positive numbers to effective programming both in our secure care facilities and in community-based services.

The bottom line is that OJJ was able to combine systemic reforms that include therapeutic treatment services, service coordination, and use of an evidence-based assessment tool called the SAVRY. Thus, the desired effect is becoming a reality—better outcomes for our at-risk youth.

Louisiana Kids' Dashboard

We are excited to be working and partnering with Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine "Kitty" Kimball, Department of Health and Hospitals Secretary Bruce D. Greenstein, Department of Children and Family Services Secretary Ruth Johnson, Superintendent of Education John White, and leaders from the public, private, and non-profit communities to focus on the challenges Louisiana children face. This partnership is called the Louisiana Kids' Dashboard and will be managed by the Children's Cabinet.

This Dashboard identifies a set of data-driven outcome measures, such as rates of childhood obesity, graduation rates, recidivism rates among juvenile offenders, and rates of repeated incidents of child maltreatment, among others. The goal is to ensure state resources are being used effectively to improve children's well-being. This partnership is designed to better focus statewide policy and will be managed by the *Louisiana Children's Cabinet Advisory Board*. We support the tracking indicators across the child-serving agencies, providing the ability to monitor our progress toward improvement in the continuum of care within the juvenile justice system, and all child-serving systems, as we continue to move forward with reforms. We feel that collaboration with Louisiana's other child-serving agencies is vital in reaching our mutual goal of improved outcomes and well-being for Louisiana's children. As part of our participation in the Dashboard, we have decided to track the following indicators:

- OJJ one-year recidivism rates on a yearly basis
- The number of adjudicated FINS youth under OJJ supervision or custody
- The average length of stay in non-secure, out-of-home placement.

Probation Review

OJJ began a Probation Review with technical assistance from the MacArthur Foundation, using the Hammond regional office. This review will take place throughout 2012 and will look into how our policies and operations support the goals of the probation office and OJJ as an agency.

OJJ Interstate Compact for Juveniles

A national Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) exists as an agreement between states to govern supervision or return of juveniles who have absconded, escaped, run away or moved from supervision of their home state. OJJ created a State Council to serve as an advisory group for our ICJ Commissioner and Interstate Compact for Juveniles activities. With the member's assistance, the state council will provide enhanced communication for tracking and supervising juveniles who move across state borders ensuring public safety and preserving the welfare of children.

OJJ continues to see improvements in how our communities view our youth and our work. This would not be possible without our dedicated staff and your partnership in supporting programs that have been proven to show positive change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary L. Livers

Dr. Mary L. Livers, Ph.D., MSW

Juvenile Justice Federal Programs

By: Katherine Guidry, Federal Programs Section Manager
February 29, 2012

TITLE II (JJDP) Formula Block Grant Program (JJDP), Title V Community Prevention Grants Program, and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program,

A group of Federal representatives will conduct a site visit to LCLE the week of March 5-9, 2012. The representatives will be from Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO). The purpose of this visit is to perform routine grant monitoring and provide technical assistance for the grants awarded by DOJ. The visit will include both programmatic and financial reviews of all LCLE's active DOJ awards. This will include FY 2008 JABG, FY 2009 JABG and Title V, FY 2010 JABG, JJDP, and Title V, and FY 2011 JABG, JJDP and Title V. During the visit OJJDP representatives, Elizabeth Wolfe and Tina Borner, will also conduct three on-site visits to review an agency funded in each program. The agencies will be the 16th Judicial District Attorney for Title V, 15th Judicial District Attorney's Office for JABG, and 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office for JJDP. The agencies will be notified of these visits.

Title II Formula Block Grant Program –

1. FY 2011 Funds remain frozen, as the Board is still out-of-compliance with its required membership. The Board membership is lacking at least three juveniles who are/were involved in the juvenile justice system. Staff is aware of three potential applicants who submitted their application to the Governor's office.
2. The next application will be the Board's Three-Year Comprehensive State Plan for 2012 through 2014. OJJDP has not released the solicitation. The application is due March 30, 2012. We will see another decrease.

Title V – It appears that Congress has not appropriated funds for FY 2012. The FY 2011 funds will be allocated to the current Title V projects to allow them to be funded for the 36-month limitation.

JABG – Staff will recommend that the JJDP Advisory Board will consider the JABG applications in their recommendations to the Commission. Information on the JABG program and the application was emailed to the Board prior to the regular Board application packet for review. The FY 2012 JABG solicitation has not been released. OJJDP has advised that the application due date, February 29, will be extended to the states. We will see another decrease.

DMC Assessment Study – Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. from New York won the contract to conduct Phase II of the statewide DMC Assessment Study. The study will include the following parishes: Bossier, Webster (26th Judicial District Court [JDC]); Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena (21st JDC); St. Tammany, Washington (22nd JDC); Lafourche (17th JDC); Plaquemines

(25th JDC); St. Bernard (34th JDC); Ascension, Assumption, St. James (23rd JDC); Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary (16th JDC); Terrebonne (32nd JDC); East Carroll, Madison, Tensas (6th JDC).

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The results from the OJJDP compliance monitor's audit visit conducted in February 2010 is still pending. Bob Miller has completed half on the required site visits for the 2011 Annual Report, which is due June 30, 2012. In December 2011, we received our letter of compliance making the state eligible for 60% of the FY 2013 award.

JDAI

The five parishes continue to strive in their efforts to the JDAI effort. AECF's final award to the state is \$25,000. The state is awaiting the letter of agreement.

CHILDREN'S CABINET REPORT

By: Ronald Rossitto
February 29, 2012

The following 41 pages are the Children's Cabinet Annual Report.



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January 31, 2012

The Honorable Bobby Jindal
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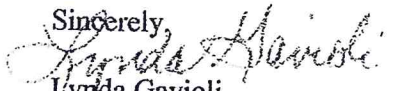
RE: Annual Report – Louisiana Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board


Dear sir or madam:

The Louisiana Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board is a body composed of agency representatives, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders and created by R.S. 46:2600-2607. Its primary purpose is to provide information and recommendations to the Children’s Cabinet from the perspective of advocacy groups, service providers, and parents.

Enclosed is a copy of the annual report as required by R.S. 46:2605. The report summarizes the accomplishments of the past year and specific goals and priorities for 2011. If you would like further information, please contact Karen Stubbs at (225)342-3327.

Sincerely,


Lynda Gavioli
Chairperson, Advisory Board


Tiffany Simpson, PhD.
Executive Director, Children's Cabinet

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CHILDREN'S CABINET ADVISORY BOARD

Overview

The Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB) was created under RS 46:2605. The purpose of the advisory board is to provide information and recommendations from the perspective of advocacy groups, service providers, and parents. The board consists of 42-45 statutorily authorized representatives from state agencies, advocacy groups, and the community.

Election of officers occurs yearly in the fall. Lynda Gavioli was elected chairperson in November 2011 for the 2012 year. Dr. Michael Coogan was elected vice-chairperson and Carmen Weisner was elected secretary. The chairperson of the Advisory Boards serves as a member of the Children's Cabinet.

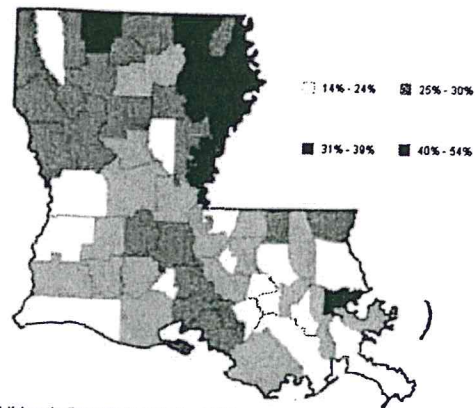
The Advisory Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month in the Governor's press room for at least 2 hours per meeting. The Advisory Board met 11 times in 2011. The Board did not meet in May due to the Director of the Children's Cabinet's absence on maternity leave.

The Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet provides assistance to the Advisory Board as requested.

Statement of Louisiana's Child Well-Being

The members of the Advisory Board have devoted significant amounts of time, effort and energy educating themselves on the issues facing our children and families. The Advisory Board routinely discusses indicators such as poverty, birth outcomes, early childhood education, and state agency's youth in transition. The Annie E. Casey Foundation's *Kids Count Data Book* profiles the well being of America's children on a state by state basis. In 2011, Louisiana ranked 49th overall in child well being. Louisiana has consistently been ranked 49th since 2002.

According to 2010 Census data, there were 1,118,015 children as residents ages 0-17, accounting for 25% of the Louisiana population.¹ *Kids Count* looks at child poverty and defines it as children under age 18 living in families with incomes less than the federal poverty threshold. In 2010, an estimated 299,779 (or 27%) of Louisiana's children lived in families whose income was below the federal poverty threshold.² Nine parishes in Louisiana had child poverty rates of 40% or greater



Children in Poverty (Percent) - 2010
Agenda for Children
KIDS COUNT Data Center, www.kidscount.org/datacenter
A Project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

¹ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2010, Summary File 1, extracted from [American Fact Finder](#).

² Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2010 1-year American Community Survey, extracted from [American Fact Finder](#).

in 2010.³ Nationally, Louisiana was ranked 46th in children in poverty for 2010.⁴

A healthy start in life helps to ensure that children are able to enjoy good health later on, and also maximizes a child's potential for later academic success. Children who are born at low birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds) face increased risks for a host of negative outcomes, including infant mortality, neuro-developmental disorders, decreased IQ, and having a school-age learning disability.⁵ In 2009, 10.7% of all babies born to Louisiana mothers (6,922) were born at a low birth-weight. This is down from 11.3% in 2007 and 11.4% in 2006.⁶

Over the past decade, Louisiana has made substantial investments in increasing children's access to early childhood education programs, including those offered by public schools. Louisiana operates several different preschool programs through the public school system, including LA4, Starting Points, and programs funded through 8(g) grants and Title I funds. Some parishes also offer Head Start programs in public schools. In October 2011, 35,206 Louisiana students were enrolled in a preschool or pre-kindergarten program, down slightly from the 35,249 students enrolled in public preschool and prekindergarten programs in the previous year, but up from the 34,474 students enrolled in the 2009 school year.⁷ In addition to public pre-kindergarten, Louisiana offers a Nonpublic Early Childhood Development program, which provided 1,312 low-income children with prekindergarten services in private schools and child care centers in the 2010-2011 school year.⁸ The Child Care Assistance Program also helps low- and moderate-income parents pay for child care, and served 25,422 children in November 2011. Traditional and Early Head Start programs, which are federally funded and locally operated, enrolled 24,234 children in Louisiana in 2010.^{9, 10} In part because of these programs, Louisiana ranks 6th (best) in the nation in terms of the proportion of children ages 3-5 who are not enrolled in nursery school or kindergarten.¹¹

On the opposite end of the education spectrum, Louisiana has made steady progress in increasing its graduation rate for public school students. While 64.8% of the class of 2006 graduated on time with their peers, the same was true of 70.9% of the class of 2011.¹² Louisiana's 2009 legislature mandated that the state achieve a graduation rate of 80% by 2014.

³ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch, Washington D.C.

⁴ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 1-year American Community Survey, extracted from [American Fact Finder](#).

⁵ Data Source: Child Trends Data Bank, Low and Very Low Birthweight Infants, available at <http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/?q=node/67>.

⁶ Data Source: Live births 2001-2009: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

⁷ Data Source: Louisiana Department of Education, Planning, Analysis & Information Resources Division

⁸ Data Source: Nonpublic Early Childhood Development Program

⁹ Data Source: Data from the annual Program Information Report (PIR), administered by the Office of Head Start (OHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

¹⁰ Note that some of these children were served in Head Start programs in public schools. The Louisiana Department of Education reports that 2,139 children were enrolled in Head Start programs based out of public schools in the 2010-2011 school year.

¹¹ Data Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 - 2010 American Community Survey.

¹² Data Source: Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources, available at http://www.louisianaschools.net/topics/cohort_rates.html

According to *Kids Count*, in 2010 (state fiscal year July 1-June 30) there were 4,478 children in foster care, with 3,265 children entering foster care and 3,587 exiting foster care. Non relative family homes remain the most common form of placement for children entering foster care, with 58% of children placed in such homes.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) 2010 report to the Juvenile Justice Implementation Commission, the number of youth under OJJ supervision or in OJJ custody decreased overall by 47% between 2000 and 2010. While there have been reductions in all types of involvement (probation, parole, secure care and non-secure care), the largest decrease has been in the number of youth in secure care, which decreased by 79% between 2000 and 2010, falling from 3,089 to 650 youth.¹³

Membership, as of December 31, 2011

- **Janice Allen**, member of the Louisiana Catholic Conference
- **Susan Batson**, representative of the Department of Education, representing special education
- **David Benada**, representative of Louisiana Children's Advocacy Centers
- **Cindy Bishop**, member of the Louisiana Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- **Amanda Brunson**, representative of Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana
- **Carol Calix**, representative of Families Helping Families
- **Jonathan Chapman**, representative of the Louisiana Primary Care Association
- **Michael Coogan**, representative from the Louisiana Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- **Denise Fair**, Department of Children and Family Services
- **Lynda Gavioli**, representative of the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families
- **Stewart Gordon**, designee of the chief executive officer of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, health care services division
- **Don Gregory**, director of the Bureau of Health Services Financing of the Department of Health and Hospitals
- **Judy Harrison**, representative from Louisiana Children's Trust Fund
- **Lyn Hassenboehler**, member of the Louisiana Families In Need Of Services Association
- **Mary Louise Jones**, representative of the Department of Education, representing academic programs, including early childhood
- **Jennifer Karle**, representative of the Louisiana Association of Childcare Agencies
- **Julia Kenny**, assistant secretary of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Hospitals
- **JT Lane**, assistant secretary of the Office of Public Health of the Department of Health and Hospitals
- **Myra Magee**, parent representative
- **Kim Manning**, representative of the Division of Administration
- **Loren Marks**, parent representative
- **Janie Martin**, representative from the Louisiana Maternal and Child Health Coalition

¹³ Data Source: Presentation by Mary Livers to the Juvenile Justice Implementation Commission, October 28, 2010, available at <http://ojj.la.gov/ojj/files/JJIC%20Oct%2028%202010.pdf>.

- **Girard Melancon**, assistant secretary of the Office of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
- **George Murray**, representative from Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- **Geoffrey Nagle**, representative of the Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health at Tulane University
- **Donna Nola-Ganey**, representative of the Department of Education, representing educational support programs including secondary vocational education
- **Jerry Pinsel**, designee of the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System
- **Anthony Recasner**, representative from Agenda for Children
- **Frankie Robertson**, member of the Louisiana Chapter of the March of Dimes
- **Patricia Robinson**, parent representative
- **Ronald Rossitto**, representative of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board
- **Christie Smith**, representatives of Louisiana EarlySteps
- **Brent Villemarette**, deputy secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services
- **Kahree Wahid**, director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project
- **Carmen Weisner**, representative of the National Association of Social Workers
- **Rebecca White**, representative from Louisiana State University, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service
- **Ann Williamson**, representative of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- **John Wyble**, member of the Louisiana Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Budget Recommendations to the Children's Cabinet

One of the primary objectives of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board is to offer recommendations to the Children's Cabinet on funding and budget priorities. To accomplish this objective, the Advisory Board has implemented a two-step process. The first step is an initial budget retreat to articulate general budget priorities so that state agencies can have a unified focus when building their children's budgets. This process must be completed by August 31. In the second step, state entities that provide programs or services to youth present their specific programs and initiatives to the Advisory Board that address the general priorities. These presentations focus on the budget needs of the program and the Advisory Board votes as to which specific priority budget programs to recommend to the Children's Cabinet to support in the Children's Budget. The specific budget priority recommendations from the Advisory Board are presented to the Cabinet by November 30. The complete report is attached.

Early Childhood System Integration Budget (ECSIB)

The Early Childhood Systems Integration Budget (ECSIB) is organized along the original four components of BrightStart (access to health care, social-emotional development and mental health, early care and education, and family support and parenting education) as opposed to by department, thus detailing the state's allocation of financial resources for children ages birth to five in these areas. Within these four areas, each state department categorizes program specific information, including the lead contact person, a very brief program description (1-3 sentences), the population served, the sources of funding for the program, and the parishes being served. For

each line item, actual state and federal dollars invested in the program are detailed. The ECSIB is compiled by the Division of Administration in conjunction with BrightStart and Louisiana Children's Cabinet and is available on the Division's web site at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/OPB/pub/other_budget_docs.htm. The ECSIB is a key policy document that will add critical information to inform the ongoing work to build a comprehensive early childhood system.

Legislative Task Force

The Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB) is part of a formal and informal coalition of organizations and individuals who seek to improve the lives of children in the state of Louisiana. Because of the nature of the CCAB's charge, there is strong interest in legislation relevant to the well being of the children in the state. Each year the CCAB legislative task force meets to discuss, monitor, and track child related legislation that is introduced in the current legislative session. The legislation tracked relates to, or affects, children and youth or funding for services for children and youth. The main purpose of the meetings is to host a convenient place for individuals interested in child related legislation to discuss the legislation and share information.

A group of advocates from the CCAB met weekly during the legislative session to track and discuss legislation that affects children and families. Cindy Bishop was chairperson of the task force.

Presentations and Education

The Advisory Board invites speakers to present on topics related to early childhood health and education, delinquency prevention and diversion, juvenile justice, the judiciary, child protection, mental illness, substance abuse, school-based programs and other services provided to children and families.

In 2011, the Advisory Board heard presentations on the following topics:

- *At the Crossroads: Louisiana's Fiscal Crisis - Edward Ashworth, Louisiana Budget Project Director*

Mr. Edward Ashworth presented on the Louisiana Budget Project which strives to provide independent, nonpartisan research and analysis of Louisiana's fiscal issues and their impact on low and moderate income residents. Mr. Ashworth reviewed Louisiana's state general fund projected budget deficits for fiscal year 2012-14, Louisiana's total means of financing, state general fund make up and discretionary budgets. State budgets with and without hurricane disaster recovery funding were compared as well as increases since pre-Katrina. The Budget Project's opinion on the fiscal effects of Stelly repeals were presented. The breakdown of state and local taxes were also shown. More information can be found at www.labudget.org.

- *Impacting Obesity in Louisiana – Pamela Romero, Nutritionist/Coordinator the Louisiana Obesity Council*

Ms. Pamela Romero presented on the Louisiana Council on Obesity Prevention and Management which was created by the legislature in 1999 to address the problem of childhood and adult obesity in Louisiana. The Council works with public and private organizations to influence policy and environmental change, provide monitoring and evaluation, improve health education and awareness, develop a health continuum, and

increase capacity building. Activities of the Council are based on the CDC and Institute of Medicine's framework for obesity prevention. This framework includes promoting the availability and affordability of healthy food and beverages, supporting healthy food and beverage choices, encouraging breastfeeding, encouraging physical activity or limiting sedentary activity among children and youth, creating safe communities that support physical activity, and encouraging communities to organize for change. The LA Obesity Council has collaborated in a number of projects spanning home and family, community, school, healthcare, and worksite sectors. Some of these projects include improving access to healthier foods for WIC recipients, School Health Advisory Councils, health related fitness assessments in schools, and the Louisiana Childhood Obesity Research Consortium (LA CORC). More information can be found at www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=270

- *Coordinated Systems of Care Update – Dr. James Hussey, Medical Director, Medicaid Behavioral Health and Interim CSoC Project Coordinator, Department of Health and Hospitals*

Dr. Hussey provided updates on the Coordinated Systems of Care (CSoC) which will be implemented on January 1, 2012. The Coordinated System of Care is an initiative of Governor Jindal that is being led by the executives of the Departments of Education, Children and Family Services, Health and Hospitals, and the Office of Juvenile Justice. CSoC will provide behavioral health services for youth who are in or at imminent risk for out of home placement. Goals of the System of Care include reductions in the number of targeted children and youth in detention and residential settings; reductions in the state's cost of providing services by leveraging Medicaid and other funding sources; and improving the overall outcomes of these children and their caretakers. State plan amendments and waivers will be established as part of the effort to better utilize Medicaid funding. State plan changes will remove mental health clinic and mental health rehab options while inserting psychiatric residential treatment facilities, school-based behavioral health services, substance abuse for children and adults, and therapeutic group homes. Waivers will establish CSoC services for youth and parent support and training, independent living/skills building, crisis stabilization, and short-term respite. The Coordinated Systems of Care will also include a Family Support Organization (FSO) which will emphasize the role of family members as full partners working within the system of care to stimulate behavioral change across the system and support the development of family-friendly policies and procedures within the provider agencies and among community partners. More information regarding the CSoC can be found in the attached documents.

- *Pathways to Louisiana's Future – Dr. Billy Stokes and Dr. Gary Asmus, Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

Drs. Stokes and Asmus presented data elements housed in the Picard Center's integrated longitudinal database. The Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning was established in 2005 on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The center's main areas of research include education, health, quality of life, and the workforce. The longitudinal database is integrated across multiple agencies and allows for unprecedented studies incorporating data from the Departments of Children and Family Services, Education, Health and Hospitals, the Office of Juvenile Justice, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and

the Board of Regents. The Pathways to Louisiana's Future animated model was also debuted. This model is an outgrowth of the integrated longitudinal database and can provide valuable information to policymakers by showing how changing the landscape from birth to the workforce could impact future economic and social trends in Louisiana.

This presentation was made at the request of the Executive Director to serve as an introduction to data elements and reporting capabilities which are available, and to aide the Children's Cabinet and its Advisory Board in formulation of its strategic plan. The Picard Center is committed to providing the Children's Cabinet with the data necessary to meet the Cabinet's goals and objectives.

PLANS FOR 2012

Revising Budget Program Recommendation Process

A topic of concern and considerable discussion by the Advisory Board has been the process by which the board gives recommendations to the departments about the state budget. The current process occurs in two parts that have historically occurred very late in the budget forming process. The Advisory Board has adopted a new policy that hopefully will have more timely results. Beginning in June 2012, the Advisory Board will now adopt budget priorities for a period of three years. Specific budget recommendations will be adopted by the Advisory Board by August 30th and will then be submitted to the Children's Cabinet for consideration. It is anticipated that this timeline will allow the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board to have greater input in the budgeting process by offering recommendations before the agency budgets are finalized.

Strategic Plan

The Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet is working with the Cabinet members to develop a strategic plan. This strategic plan will focus on improving the status of Louisiana's children. The Advisory Board is giving input to that process, including recommending a vision and goal statement. The Advisory Board anticipates developing its own strategic plan based upon the plan adopted by the Children's Cabinet.

Children's Cabinet

The Advisory Board will continue to focus on increased coordination with the Children's Cabinet. Joint meetings with the Cabinet will facilitate communication between the two boards and the development of coordinating strategic plans should support and enhance the efforts of each board.

New Member Orientation

A new member orientation packet has been developed to distribute to new Advisory Board members. With 2012 marking the beginning of a new gubernatorial term, the re-appointment of the Advisory Board will necessitate new members being brought on with information and history to be able to contribute to the on-going work of the Children's Cabinet and the Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Meeting Minutes for 2011

Budget Priority Reports to the Children's Cabinet

Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Governor's Press Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Becky White, Bill Blanchard, Carmen Weisner, Carol Calix, Christy Smith, Cindy Bishop, Don Gregory, Donna Nola Ganey, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Dr. Girard Melancon, Janie Martin, Janice Allen, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, Johnny Riley, Judy-Harrison, Kathy Kleibert, Kahree Wahid, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Patricia Robinson, Ronnie Rossito, Dr. Stewart Gordon and Susan Batson

Interested Parties Present:

Arthur Mora, Ashley Herad (LANO), Ashley Politz (La AAP), Beth Scalco (OPH), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Bruce Greenstein (DHH), Donald Hunter (La. PCA), Eddie Ashworth (La Budget Project), Gilda Armstrong Butler (OBH), Kay Kleco (DHH), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Dr. Martis Jones (ADF), Petrouchka Moise (Governor's Office of Community Programs), Stephen Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Tony Reasner

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the December 14, 2010, Children's Cabinet Advisory Board meeting were approved.

Invited Guest:

Mr. Bruce Greenstein, Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and Children's Cabinet member, addressed the CCAB. Mr. Greenstein discussed reforming Medicaid through CommunityCare 2.0 and coordinated care networks, DHH's focus on birth outcomes, and behavioral health coordination. CommunityCare 2.0 is a pay for performance model to incent better outcomes and reward high performing providers. The mandatory population will have the same eligibility criteria as the current CommunityCare program. The voluntary population will include SSI age 20 and below, Native Americans in a recognized tribe, foster children and children in out of home placements and children receiving services through OJJ. The base reimbursement will decrease to \$1.50 per member per month, new populations of children at a base of PMPM of \$3 as will new adults. A pool of money will be set aside for pay for performance based on adoption of best practices and utilization measures to be dispersed to primary physicians on a quarterly basis starting in April 2011. DHH has proposed transitioning the Medicaid delivery system from the current fee for service system to coordinated care networks (CCNs). CCNs will include a stronger focus on managing chronic conditions and improving the quality of health care. Medicaid enrollees will now choose a network to manage their continuum of care, including preventative care and chronic care management.

DHH birth outcomes project will target 5 major areas for improvement: care coordination, measurement of birth outcomes, patient safety and quality, health disparities in birth outcomes and behavioral health. DHH is developing Medicaid policies to reduce elective C-sections and births before 39 weeks, expanding capacity to screen pregnant women for tobacco use and authorized Medicaid reimbursement for the drug 17P, an evidence-based intervention proven to decrease instances of pre-term births. By April 2011, these action teams will provide evidence based recommendations for each of the 5 target areas.

DHH's newly appointed Deputy Secretary Kathy Kliebert led the merger of office of mental health and addictive disorders. She will lead the initiative to partner with sister agencies to develop a coordinated system of care for at risk children. The goals of this initiative are to reduce the number of targeted children and youth in detention and residential settings, reduce the state's costs of providing services by leveraging Medicaid and other funding sources and improving outcomes for these children and their caregivers. Interagency governance and a statewide management organization will help integrate services, blend resources and focus on serving children in the least restrictive setting.

Presentations:

At the Crossroads: Louisiana's Fiscal Crisis - Edward Ashworth, Louisiana Budget Project Director

Mr. Edward Ashworth presented on the Louisiana Budget Project which strives to provide independent, nonpartisan research and analysis of Louisiana's fiscal issues and their impact on low and moderate income residents. Mr. Ashworth reviewed Louisiana's state general fund projected budget deficits for fiscal year 2012-14, Louisiana's total means of financing, state general fund make up and discretionary budgets. State budgets with and without hurricane disaster recovery funding were compared as well as increases since pre-Katrina. The Budget Project's opinion on the fiscal effects of Stelly repeals were presented. The breakdown of state and local taxes were also shown. More information can be found at www.labudget.org.

Discussion:

CCAB annual report was emailed to all CCAB members for feedback. It is due to be submitted as per legislation by January 31. A suggestion was made to rearrange the contents. Members will have until January 18th to submit comments, concerns or additions.

CCAB priority recommendations process review was discussed. The subcommittee met before the CCAB meeting to finalize the proposal. The proposal will be written down and emailed to everyone for discussion at the next meeting.

CCAB new member packet was emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. Please submit comments or suggested additions. The CCAB liked the idea of a new member packet and suggested sending it to all members once finalized.

Public Comments/Announcements:

Louisiana Children's Trust Fund grant applications are online. Please note there is a change to the conference application.

CCAB March meeting falls on Mardi Gras day this year. The CCAB decided to move the March meeting to the next Tuesday, March 15.

Start thinking of a legislative task force chairperson.

Nurse Family partnership will have a training for advocates and a luncheon on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Invitations were distributed.

Karen Stubbs, executive director of the Children's Cabinet, will be leaving the position at the end of January.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 08, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Governor's Press Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Becky White, Bill Blanchard, Carmen Weisner, Christie Smith, Cindy Bishop, David Benada, Don Gregory, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Janie Martin, Janice Allen, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, Judy Harrison, Kahree Wahid, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Patricia Robinson, Dr. Stewart Gordon and Susan Batson

Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Politz (La AAP), Beth Scalco (OPH), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Elliot Rebenstein (Education Counsel), Joyce Landrum (Children's Coalition of NELA), Kaaren Hebert (DCFS), Karen Stubbs (OJJ), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Dr. Martis Jones (ADF), Melanie Bronfin (Tulane University), Pam Romero (DHH), Petrouchka Moise (Governor's Office of Community Programs), Rachel Demma (NGA), Soumya Mamidala (DHH), Stephen Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Ternica Stevenson (Discovery), Tiffany Hinton (LA Partnership), Tony Recasner (Agenda for Children).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the January 11, 2011, Children's Cabinet Advisory Board meeting were not disseminated prior to the meeting and therefore were unable to be approved.

Introduction of Tiffany Simpson

Tiffany Simpson was introduced as the new Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet. Tiffany graduated from LSU with degrees in Psychology and Sociology and the University of New Orleans with a PhD in Applied Developmental Psychology. Over the past four years, Tiffany has worked with the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change in Juvenile Justice Initiative first as a research assistant and more recently as Project Coordinator for the Children's Cabinet Models for Change grant.

Invited Guest:

Mr. Elliot Regenstein of the Education Counsel and Ms. Rachel Demma of the National Governors Association provided a brief preview of the BrightStart Advisory Council meeting held later that afternoon. Louisiana is one of 45 states and five territories selected to receive federal grant dollars designed to assist the development of early childhood councils. Mr. Regenstein and Ms. Demma will assist the BrightStart Early Childhood Advisory Council develop its governance structure.

Presentations:

Impacting Obesity in Louisiana – Pamela Romero, Nutritionist/Coordinator the Louisiana Obesity Council

Ms. Pamela Romero presented on the Louisiana Council on Obesity Prevention and Management which was created by the legislature in 1999 to address the problem of childhood and adult obesity in Louisiana. The Council works with public and private organizations to influence policy and environmental change, provide monitoring and evaluation, improve health education and awareness, develop a health continuum, and increase capacity building. Activities of the Council are based on the CDC and Institute of Medicine's framework for obesity prevention. This framework includes promoting the availability and affordability of healthy food and beverages, supporting healthy food and beverage choices, encouraging breastfeeding, encouraging physical activity or limiting sedentary activity among children and youth, creating safe communities that support physical activity, and encouraging communities to organize for change. The LA Obesity Council has collaborated in a number of projects spanning home and family, community, school, healthcare, and worksite sectors. Some of these projects include improving access to healthier foods for WIC recipients, School Health Advisory Councils, health related fitness assessments in schools, and the Louisiana Childhood Obesity Research Consortium (LA CORC). More information can be found at www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=270

Public Comments/Announcements:

The Children's Coalition of Greater Baton Rouge wishes to inform the CCAB that Dr. Stewart Gordon will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, February 10th. He will receive an award for his individual efforts. The name of the award is 'For the Love of Children'.

The Louisiana School of Social Work and the Louisiana Child Poverty Prevention Council will host a Louisiana Family Impact Seminar on Thursday, March 3rd from 8:30am – 12:00pm in the 9th Floor Conference Room of the Iberville Building. The seminar will cover Positive Outcomes for Louisiana Families. A save the date will be distributed to CCAB members via email.

The Louisiana Parenting Education Network will host its Fourth Annual summit for parent educators entitled, "Managing Behavior through Positive Parenting," on March 24th. The registration fee of \$30 is due by March 14th. Invitations were distributed.

The Louisiana Perinatal MCH Coalition will host its annual continuing education conference, "Improving Birth Outcomes," on March 25th at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Conference information will be distributed via email.

Meeting Adjourned

Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Governor's Press Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Bill Blanchard, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Christie Smith, Cindy Bishop, Frankie Robertson, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Dr. Girard Melancon, Janie Martin, Janice Allen, Jennifer Karle, Kim Dodd, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Ronnie Rossitto, Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Brenda Aikens (Head Start), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Lydia Pelz (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren), Stephen Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Tiffany Hinton (LA Partnership).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

No quorum existed for approval of the February minutes.

Discussion:

Stephen Kauffman noted that while the Executive Budget as presented on March 11th shows cuts to several agencies it offers no details as to what specific programs will be cut. Christine Peck, representing the Department of Health Hospitals (DHH) noted that during the House Appropriations Committee hearings, DHH will go through the proposed 2011-2012 budget program by program.

Public Comments/Announcements:

The NESW Annual Conference will be held March 16 – 18th in New Orleans. The Louisiana state meeting represents the second largest gathering of social workers in the country.

The Louisiana Perinatal MCH Coalition will host its annual continuing education conference, "Improving Birth Outcomes," on Friday, March 25th at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Conference information will be distributed via email.

The next BrightStart meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th from 1:00 pm – 3pm, location TBA. The focus of this meeting will be to continue the process of defining the governance of BrightStart as well as discuss the Childcare Development Plan which is revised every two years.

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, April 12th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Becky White, Brent Villemarette, Bill Blanchard, Carol Calix, Christie Smith, Cindy Bishop, David Benada, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Janie Martin, Jennifer Karle, Judy Harrison, Kahree Wahid, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Myra Magee, Patricia Robinson, Rhonda Litt, Ronnie Rossitto, Tiffany Simpson, and Dr. Stewart Gordon

Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Politz (La AAP), Laura Jensen (LACCA), Avis Richard Griffin (DHH), Darrell Montgomery (DHH), Jim Hussey (DHH), Raquel Richard (AYI), Teresa Falgoust (Agenda for Children), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Kaaren Hebert (DCFS), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Melanie Bronfin (Tulane University), Melissa Grimmitt (LWC), Tiffany Hinton (LA Partnership), Cindy Ramagos (DOE), Kimberly Bardell (DCFS), Rebecca May-Ricks (MHAS/CAP), Quinetta Womack (OBH).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the February 8th and March 15th Children's Cabinet Advisory Board meetings were approved.

Presentation:

Coordinated Systems of Care Update – Dr. James Hussey, Medical Director, Medicaid Behavioral Health and Interim CSoc Project Coordinator, Department of Health and Hospitals

Dr. Hussey provided updates on the Coordinated Systems of Care (CSoc) which will be implemented on January 1, 2012. The Coordinated System of Care is an initiative of Governor Jindal that is being led by the executives of the Departments of Education, Children and Family Services, Health and Hospitals, and the Office of Juvenile Justice. CSoc will provide behavioral health services for youth who are in or at imminent risk for out of home placement. Goals of the System of Care include reductions in the number of targeted children and youth in detention and residential settings; reductions in the state's cost of providing services by leveraging Medicaid and other funding sources; and improving the overall outcomes of these children and their caretakers. State plan amendments and waivers will be established as part of the effort to better utilize Medicaid funding. State plan changes will remove mental health clinic and mental health rehab options while inserting psychiatric residential treatment facilities, school-based behavioral health services, substance abuse for children and adults, and therapeutic group homes. Waivers will establish CSoc services for youth and parent support and training, independent living/skills building, crisis stabilization, and short-term respite. The Coordinated Systems of Care will also

include a Family Support Organization (FSO) which will emphasize the role of family members as full partners working within the system of care to stimulate behavioral change across the system and support the development of family-friendly policies and procedures within the provider agencies and among community partners. More information regarding the CSoC can be found in the attached documents.

Discussion:

The Legislative Task Force was selected. Committee members include Janie Martin, Cindy Bishop, Ronnie Rossitto, Ashley Politz, and John Wyable. The committee will meet prior to the beginning of session to select a chair and establish a method for communication. Anyone interested in being a member of the Task Force should contact Tiffany Simpson.

Proposed elements of the new budget review process were discussed. Tiffany Simpson suggested that data collected from each of the child serving agencies be used to determine indicators of child well-being across the state. She then suggested that these indicators be the basis of the priority programs presented by the agencies. Geoffrey Nagle offered that data should not come from one source but from multiple partners. He also questioned the suggestion to limit the number of priority programs. The suggestions will be compiled and voted on by the advisory board during the May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June, 14 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Governor's Press Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Bill Blanchard, Carol Calix, Christie Smith, Clayton Williams, David Benada, Frankie Robertson, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, George Murray, Janie Martin, Dr. John Wyble, Judy Harrison, Julia Kenny, Kahree Wahid, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Patricia Robinson, Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Alexandra Hazlaris (Legislative delegate), Brady Smith (Checkmate Strategies), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Dara Shackelford (Louisiana Center for Afterschool Learning), Emily McGill (MHAS), Melanie Bronfin (Tulane), Sharon Lair (LA Mentor).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

No quorum existed for approval of the April minutes.

Discussion:

- Proposed Budget Recommendation Process
- Sub-committee with chair John Wyble
 - Budget Retreat in August to set priorities to be reviewed at September meeting
- Opened to discussion and questions
 - Michael proposed priority committee
 - General discussion about what to do with the board's current processes, budgets, and priorities and the possible need to change some or all of them
 - Discussed the need to work more closely with the Children's Cabinet
 - Discussed various ways of making the advisory board more effective
 - Discussed the timeframe of council proposals
 - Discussed the need to get annual report from Children's Cabinet
- Sub-committee to regroup before next advisory board meeting

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, July 12th from 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July, 12 2011

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Unapproved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Anthony Recasner, Amanda Brunson, Bill Blanchard, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Carol Calix, Cindy Bishop, Clayton Williams, Christie Smith, Donna Nola Ganey, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Girard Melancon, Janice Allen, Janie Martin, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, Judy Harrison, Kahree Wahid, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Mary L. Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Patricia Robinson, Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Herad (LA Association of Nonprofit Organizations), Monique Preau (EDgear), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Rubye Noble (Jefferson Parish Delegation), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Dara Shackelford (Louisiana Center for Afterschool Learning), Ivy Starns (DOE), Daphne Cain (LSU School of Social Work), Elizabeth Routon (LSU School of Social Work), Amanda Rasmussen (CASA/CAC), Berkley Durbin (Medicine Louisiana), Melanie Bronfin (Tulane), Susan Aysenne (Picard Center, UL-Lafayette).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Unofficial meeting due to length of Children's Cabinet meeting.

Discussion:

Governor Jindal has issued an Executive Order outlining the membership and duties of the BrightStart/ECAC executive committee. The executive committee shall consist of the secretary or designee of the Departments of Children and Family Services, Education, and Health and Hospitals; as well as the Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet, and one family representative. The duties of the executive committee include establishing the membership of the ECAC, defining target populations, and establishing the council's policy and standards. The discussion centered on concerns that waiting for the executive committee to organize itself may delay progress in BrightStart's grant work.

The Strategic Planning committee hopes to institute a more streamlined budget review process next year, incorporating some of the feedback of Children's Cabinet members. Therefore, the 2011 budget review process will follow the format of past years. During the August 9th advisory board meeting, members will vote on its budget priority areas. Tiffany Simpson will send out a list of priority areas and solicit additional areas for consideration from both the Children's Cabinet as well as the Advisory Board. A report outlining the Advisory Board's recommended priority areas is due to the Children's Cabinet by August 31st.

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, August 9th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Approved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Amanda Brunson, Anthony Recasner, Becky White, Bill Blanchard, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Carol Calix, Cindy Bishop, Christie Smith, David Benada, Judge George Murray, Dr. Girard Melancon, Janice Allen, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, John Wyble, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Dr. Mary Louise Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Myra Magee, and Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Paulette Elliott (LA Mentor), Gary Asmus (Picard Center, UL-Lafayette), Billy Stokes (Picard Center, UL-Lafayette), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Tyler Reames (Jefferson Parish Delegation), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Ivy Starns (DOE), Melanie Bronfin (Tulane), Alexandra Hazlaris (CACLA), Lynette Martin (LA CASA), Steve Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Rebecca May-Ricks (MHAS/CAP).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The June meeting minutes were approved. July's meeting was an unofficial meeting due to length of the Children's Cabinet meeting.

Children's Cabinet Director Report

BrightStart, the state's early childhood advisory council submitted its biannual report to the Children's Cabinet on July 31st as required by Executive Order BJ 2011-11.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12 calls for the creation of a task force to evaluate Louisiana's existing laws, programs, and services that address childhood addiction to pornography. The executive director the Children's Cabinet is a required member of this task force.

In addition to selecting a nominating committee for the October elections, the September meeting will be an organizational meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to define the role of the CCAB elected officers, CC executive director, as well as the CCAB as a whole. The Strategic planning committee is working to establish the CCAB's strategic plan moving forward and this meeting will serve as an important opportunity for the CCAB to define who it is as a body and what direction it wishes to take in the future.

Budget Retreat:

Per R.S. 46:2605(4), the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board is required to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the Executive Director as to the budget priorities for the upcoming year by August 31st. After reviewing the budget priority areas

submitted by the agencies, discussion centered on the best structure in which to articulate the CCAB's priorities. In a series of unanimous votes, the CCAB decided on a multi-tiered approach which will include the overarching budget priority area, type of service, and stage of childhood. The 2011 CCAB budget priority areas are as follows:

- 1) Early Childhood Learning, Development, and Education
- 2) Behavioral and Physical Health
- 3) Training and Workforce Development
- 4) Integrated Data System

Priorities 1, 2, and 3 will be further broken down by nature of the service (prevention, acute intervention, or chronic intervention) and stage of childhood (early, middle, adolescence, or whole). A committee has been formed to assist the Children's Cabinet director formulate the report which will be sent to the members of the Cabinet by August 31st, this report will be made available to members of the CCAB prior to submission.

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, September 13th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Governor's Press Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Approved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Amanda Brunson, Bill Blanchard, Brent Villemarette, Cindy Bishop, Christie Smith, Don Gregory, Frankie George Robertson, Judge George Murray, Janice Allen, Janie Martin, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Dr. Michael Coogan, Ronnie Rossitto, and Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Cynthia Ramagos (LDOE), Quinetta Womack (DHH), Rebecca May-Ricks (MHAS/CAP), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Tyler Reames (Jefferson Parish Delegation), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Alexandra Hazlaris (CACLA), Lynette Martin (LA CASA), Steve Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Kim Williams (NFP), Rodney Wise (Medicaid), Dr. Anthony Speier (DHH), Jody Levison-Johnson (CSoc), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Dara Shackelford (LACAL), Dr. Kerry Laster (LDOE),

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Organizational Meeting:

The budget process was once again the focus of discussion. Members agreed to request that agencies submit information related to programs that are funded by the federal government and require maintenance of effort.

Dr. John Wyble reported that the strategic planning committee will be putting together a survey to disseminate to the other members of the CCAB. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from the entire membership as the committee works to complete the board's strategic plan.

Tiffany Simpson reported comments made by members of the Children's Cabinet during her member interviews. Overwhelmingly, members of the Children's Cabinet stated that they would like to see the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board more streamlined and measure outcomes. During the ensuing discussion, members stated that the CCAB does not have the resources or the expertise to perform such functions. In general, members stated that they see the advisory board as solely an advisory body and would like to continue to function in that capacity.

Elections will take place in October. The board will elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary. Jennifer Karle, Judy Harrison, and Cindy Bishop offered to serve on the nominating committee.

Announcements:

The Department of Education is the recipient of the federal Striving Reading Comprehensive Literacy Grant. This grant will be for \$28.5 million a year for five years. Approximately 95% of the funds will be going to districts for Birth to 12th literacy.

The next meeting of the Children's Cabinet will take place Tuesday, October 11th from 10:00am – 11:00am.

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, October 11th from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Unapproved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Dr. Anthony Recasner, Amanda Brunson, Becky White, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Christie Smith, Donna Nola-Ganey, Frankie George Robertson, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Dr. Girard Melancon, Janice Allen, Janie Martin, Jennifer Karle, Jonathan Chapman, Judy Harrison, Lynda Gavioli, Dr. Michael Coogan, Myra Magee, Patricia Robinson, and Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Herad (LANO), Bill Blanchard (DHH-OBH), Quinetta Womack (DHH-OBH), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Kim Williams (NFP), Dara Shackelford (LACAL), Gary Asmus (ULL Picard Center, Michelle Jones (OLL), Anis Richard-Griffin (DHH-OPH), Ivy Starns (DOE)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

After adding Janie Martin's name to the list of attendees the September minutes were approved.

Elections:

Three members left following the Children's Cabinet meeting, leaving only 18 voting members.

By unanimous vote, Mrs. Lynda Gavioli was elected to serve as the Chair of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

By a margin of 15 -3, Dr. Michael Coogan was elected Vice-chair of the Advisory Board.

By a margin of 15-3, Carmen Weisner was elected to serve as the Advisory Board's Secretary.

Announcements:

Lights on Afterschool will host a series of events between October 12th and October 22nd celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. For more information please visit www.afterschoolalliance.org

Presentations from Education's Next Horizon and Louisiana's Center for Afterschool Learning will be rescheduled for a later date.

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, November 8th from 9:30am – 3:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)
Children's Budget Priority Program Selection Meeting**

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Approved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

Members present as acknowledged by the sign in sheet: Amanda Brunson, Anthony Recasner, Becky White, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Carol Calix, Cindy Bishop, Christie Smith, David Benada, Donna Nola-Ganey, Frankie George Robertson, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Dr. Girard Melancon, Jennifer Karle, Julia Kenny, Kahree Wahid, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Dr. Mary Louise Jones, Dr. Michael Coogan, Patricia Robinson, Ronnie Rossitto, and Dr. Stewart Gordon.

Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Herad (LANO), Bill Blanchard, Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Lisa Longfellow (DHH-OBH), Robyn Howard (DHH-OBH), Josie McKnight (NASWLA Intern), Kris Pottharst (BrightStart), Jody Levison-Johnson (CSoc), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Ivy Starns (DOE), Alexandra Hazlaris (CACLA), Etta Harris (DCFS), Lenell Young (LA Partnership), Steve Kauffman (Advocacy Center), Kathy Kliebert (DHH), Kerry Laster (DOE), Rebecca May-Ricks (MHAS/CAP), Petrouchka Moise (NSECD).

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Children's Budget Priority Program Selection:

Per R.S. 46:2605(5), the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board is required to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the Executive Director as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget by November 30th. Representatives from the Departments of Children and Family Services, Education, Health and Hospitals, and the Office of Juvenile Justice presented an overview of programs within each agency that targeted one of the priority areas selected by the CCAB during the August meeting. After reviewing the budget items submitted by the agencies, the twenty-five members present during the meeting were asked to vote for their top five programs in no particular order. The votes were tallied and following a discussion around the best cut-off point, the decision was made to select a cut-off of 7 points. Below is the final tally for all programs. Those receiving 7 or more points were recommended for inclusion in the Children's Budget.

Child Care Assistance Program	DCFS	received 15 votes
Early Childhood Supports and Services	DHH	received 14 votes
Nurse Family Partnership	DHH	received 13 votes
The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program	DOE	received 13 votes
Early Steps	DHH	received 12 votes

School Based Health Centers	DHH	received 11 votes
Child Protection Investigations	DCFS	received 10 votes
Coordinated System of Care	multi agency	received 10 votes
Foster Care	DCFS	received 9 votes
TANF	DCFS	received 9 votes
Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership	DHH	received 8 votes
Quality Rating System	DCFS	received 8 votes
Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Child Subsidy, and Family Support Services	DHH	received 8 votes
LA Comprehensive Literacy Plan	DOE	received 7 votes
Prevention and Diversion Services	OJJ	received 7 votes
Daycare Licensing	DCFS	received 5 votes
LA Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL)	DOE	received 5 votes
Ensuring Literacy for All (ELFA) Initiative	DOE	received 5 votes
Coordinated Care Networks and LaChip	DHH	received 4 votes
Residential Programs (Non-Secure)	OJJ	received 4 votes
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Preschool Grant	DOE	received 4 votes
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	DCFS	received 4 votes
Ensuring Numeracy for All	DOE	received 4 votes
Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth who are neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk	DOE	received 4 votes
No Child Left Behind/Title 1, Part A	DOE	received 3 votes
Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)	DOE	received 3 votes
No Child Left Behind/Title 1, Pre-K Programs	DOE	received 3 votes
Child and Adult Care Food Program	DOE	received 3 votes
Youth Transition	DCFS	received 3 votes
Adolescent Literacy Program	DOE	received 3 votes
Community Re-Integration Services	OJJ	received 2 votes
Other Non-Residential Programs	OJJ	received 2 votes
Psychological/Counseling Services	OJJ	received 2 votes
Secure Care Facilities	OJJ	received 2 votes
Medical, Dental, & Mental Health Services in Secure Care	OJJ	received 2 votes
English Language Arts (ELA) Project	DOE	received 2 votes
LA Rehabilitation Services	OJJ	received 2 votes
LCLE Life Skills Transition Program	OJJ	received 2 votes
No Child Left Behind (NCLB)/Title 1 Migrant Education	DOE	received 1 vote
English Language Acquisition, Enhancement, and Achievement for Limited English Proficiency	DOE	received 1 vote
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program	DOE	received 1 vote
Community Services Block Grant	LWC	received 1 vote
Labor Programs-Minor Labor Laws Enforcement	LWC	received 1 vote
Workforce Investment Act	LWC	received 1 vote
Individual Training Account Scholarships	OJJ	received 1 vote
LaHie Blue Button Initiative	DHH	received 1 vote
JASON Project	DOE	received 0 votes

C-Tech Vocational Skills
Job1 Work Readiness Program
Pathways, Re-Entry Program

OJJ	received 0 votes
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Announcements

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, December 13th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Press Room

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Approved Minutes

Welcome and Introduction of Members:

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Interested Parties Present:

Ashley Herad (LANO), Bill Blanchard (DHH-OBH), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Kim Williams (NFP), Kris Pottharst (BrightStart), Leslie Lacy (MHAS), Michelle Alletto (DHH-OPH), Lenell Young (LA Partnership), Steve Kaufman (Advocacy Centers), Jody Levison-Johnson (CSoc), Shawn Herbert (CSoc), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Approval of the November meeting minutes was deferred.

Organizational Meeting:

Members of the Advisory Board discussed the Future of Louisiana's Kids Summit held December 9th. The Departments of Children and Family Services, Education, Health and Hospitals, and the Office of Juvenile Justice met to present indicators that will drive their policy and planning decisions over the next few years. These efforts will be presented in an online dashboard which demonstrates the state's progress towards the chosen indicators. Secretary Greenstein (DHH) has suggested that this initiative be headed by the Children's Cabinet. Several members of the CCAB attended this meeting and discussed their impressions with the group. While most felt this was a very informative meeting and presents a real opportunity for the Children's Cabinet and Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, several commented that the meeting lacked a "Big Hairy Audacious Goal". It was recommended that members of the CCAB develop recommendations for this goal and present it to the Children's Cabinet during the next meeting (February 14th).

During review of the CCAB legislation, Ms. Gavioli made the following recommendations:

- Adopt budget priority for a 3 – 5 year period, creating a single annual process to select priority programs
- Members review the legislation and come to the January meeting prepared to discuss potential changes
- Review the by-laws to discuss potential changes

Dr. Stewart Gordon suggested that the CCAB annual report include a statement about programs that the CCAB believes should be protected from budget cuts. Ms. Dodd commented that such a statement may cross the line and be considered lobbying for state employees.

The group was asked to consider elements that should be included in the annual report by the January meeting.

Lynda Gavioli created an Executive Committee which will consist of the Chair (Lynda Gavioli), Vice chair (Dr. Michael Coogan), Secretary (Carmen Weisner), Immediate Past Chair (Dr. Stewart Gordon), and Tiffany Simpson.

Announcements:

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, January 10th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

**Children's Cabinet Advisory Board
Budget Priority Area Recommendations
August 2011**

Budget Priority Area 1: Behavioral and Physical Health

Children's health is influenced by a variety of factors including their biology, social and physical environment, and behavior, as well as the availability of services. As shown in Table 1, Louisiana ranks at or near the bottom for a variety of birth outcomes such as preterm births and low birthweight.¹ Infants born preterm or with low birthweight are at an increased risk for early death and long-term health and developmental problems.² Looking beyond birth outcomes, the rates of children and youth who are overweight or obese in this state are staggering, as Louisiana ranks 43rd in the nation with 46% of its children being overweight or obese.³ Additionally, the annual report card on the physical activity and health for children and youth issued by the Pennington Biomedical Research Center gives Louisiana an "F" as the rate of youth who are overweight and obese continues to increase across the state. The report also awards the state an overall grade of a "D" based on insufficient appropriate physical activity opportunities and programs available to large segments of Louisiana's children and youth.³

The presence of a serious emotional disturbance can adversely affect the development and well-being of children and adolescents. As seen in Table 1, Louisiana ranks 43rd in the nation with 19% of its children being diagnosed with one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental condition.³ Inadequate treatment of both behavioral and physical health concerns can have long term effects that are costly to both the child and the community. Poor physical health undoubtedly contributes to the state's child death rate which is ranked 47th in the nation.¹ Poor physical health also reduces the productivity of children and their care-givers. Without treatment, youth diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance are at greater risk for suicide and initiation of substance abuse. Additionally, research suggests that a large percentage of youth confined in the state's secure juvenile facilities are in need of mental health treatment. Therefore, the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board recommends the funding of programs that support initiatives such as birth outcomes, School-Based Health Centers, and Coordinated Systems of Care.

Table 1. Behavioral and Physical Health

Key Indicators	State	National	National Rank
Infant mortality rate ¹ (per 1,000)	9.2	6.8	48
Percent pre-term births ¹	15	12	48
Percent low-birthweight babies ¹ (less than 5.5 pounds)	10.8	8.2	49
Percent of children with one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental condition ³	19	15	43
Percent of children who are overweight or obese ³	36	32	43
Child death rate ¹ (per 100,000)	29	19	47

Budget Priority Area 2: Early Childhood Learning, Development, and Education

Research tells us that providing the right conditions for healthy development in early childhood are likely to be more effective than treating problems later in life. Early childhood (birth through 5) is especially critical as it is a time of rapid development that sets an important foundation for a successful life. Between birth and three years of age rapid cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and motor development occurs. Between three and five years of age, increasingly complex social behaviors, emotional capacities, problem-solving abilities, and pre-literacy skills begin to emerge.⁵ Inadequate stimulation or barriers to productive learning lead to early disparities that often persist in the absence of effective interventions. For example, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Child Health Bureau, in 2009 Louisiana ranked 43rd nationally in terms of children ages one to five whose family members read to them less than three days per week.³ In fact the Louisiana Department of Education reports that only 44% of children enter kindergarten ready to learn. Children who enter school cognitively, socially, or emotionally unprepared to thrive face increased risks for academic failure making them more likely to drop out. Dropping out of school increases the risk that a youth will face a variety of social problems including participation in and incarceration for criminal activity and dependence on welfare, all of which are very costly to the state. Investments in early childhood learning, development, and education are crucial to our future prosperity. The Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board recognizes the importance of early childhood learning, development, and education and recommends the funding of programs that support expansion of Pre-K programs, provisions of services for children birth – three, school readiness, literacy and emergent literacy, and high quality childcare.

Table 2. Early Childhood Learning, Development, and Education

Key Indicators	State	National	National Rank
Percent of children ages 1 to 5 whose family members read to them less than 3 days/week ³	20	16	43
Percent of children ages 3 to 5 not enrolled in nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten ⁶	31	40	4

Budget Priority 3: Training and Workforce Development

A compelling body of research links primary and secondary education to economic development and growth. Increased investment in the health, skills, and knowledge of the state's workforce can provide returns to the economy through increases in worker's average earnings and productivity. Increased productivity in turn reduces incidences of social problems such as crime, welfare dependency, and lack of access to medical care; all of which are extremely costly and place a heavy burden on the state's economy. As shown in Table 3, currently Louisiana ranks at the bottom or near the bottom in a variety of indicators related to our children's education and preparation for entry into the workforce.^{6,7,8} Additionally, the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce forecasts that in 2018, Louisiana will be ranked 49th in the nation for the percentage of jobs that will require post secondary education. Louisiana is also expected to rank 6th and 5th respectively in terms of the number of jobs available for high school dropouts and high school graduates with no further education.⁹ Louisiana must invest heavily in the education of its children if we are to create a workforce that is able to sustain the type of high paying jobs that we would like to bring to our state.

Table 3. Training and Workforce Development

Key Indicators	State	National	National Rank
Percent of 4 th grade reading achievement scores at or above basic ⁷	51	66	50
Percent of 8 th grade math achievement scores at or above basic ⁷	62	71	45
Percent of 8 th grade reading achievement scores at or above basic ⁷	64	74	48
Percent of children who repeated one or more grade ³	25	11	50
Percent of children graduating on-time ⁸	64	75	48
Percent of teens not in school and not working ³ (ages 16-19)	11	9	40
Percent of teens not in school and not high school graduates ⁸ (ages 16-19)	8	6	42
Percent not attending school, not working, and with no degree beyond high school diploma or GED ³ (ages 18-24)	20	16	41

Budget Priority 4: Integrated Data System

Data sharing and integration promotes collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information sharing, and improved service delivery between and within state agencies and organizations. Act 119 of the 2005 Regular Legislative Session was passed to support the release and exchange of information, data, records, and reports among agencies providing services to youth and their families. The legislation states the numerous benefits of data sharing and integration including:

- Contributing to higher levels of effectiveness in service delivery
- Greater efficiency and productivity
- Reducing redundant data entry
- Expediting the processing of cases
- Providing for more timely service delivery
- Ensuring more accurate and up-to-date information
- Assisting in the development of a seamless system of services
- Contributing to better performance and greater accountability by all involved parties

The legislature also found that the goals and purposes of this Act, including the goal to develop a seamless system of services for children and their families, would be furthered by the development of a central repository of data for planning and evaluation purposes and urged the Children's Cabinet to work towards the development of such a central repository.

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Children's Cabinet Advisory Board

Children's Budget Priority Program Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2013

Child Care Assistance Program

The Child Care Assistance Program helps low-income families pay for child care necessary to work or attend school and other training programs. For eligible low-income families child care assistance is essential to the parents' ability to get and maintain employment. Goals of the Child Care Assistance Program include: 1) increase the child care supply across all income levels and develop programs that operate during off-peak hours or in hard-to-reach areas; 2) address child care quality issues; and 3) incorporate ways to include parents in their child's development. The Child care Assistance Program is funded through a combination of state general funds and federal funds.

Early Childhood Supports and Services (ECSS)

Early Childhood Supports and Services (ECSS) is a prevention and intervention program with three key operating principles: 1) an interagency process; 2) a case management program which broadly evaluates family risk and engages a multi-agency network to provide family support; and 3) clinical assessment of children and child-caregiver relationships and intervention to address behavioral, developmental, or mental health concerns. These principles are implemented through a community based, family focused program that serves Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) eligible families who have children under six. ECSS is primarily funded through the TANF block grant with additional state general funds and Interagency transfers supporting clinical services.

Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting – Nurse-Family Partnership Program

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based home visitation program for Medicaid-eligible first time pregnant women and their children. The program goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, child growth and development, and families' economic self-sufficiency. Independent research has shown that communities benefit from this program – every dollar invested in Nurse-Family Partnership can yield more than five dollars in return. This program is funded through the state general fund, interagency transfers, and federal funds.

The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program (LA4)

The LA4 program provides children access to universal high quality, developmentally appropriate prekindergarten classes, before- and after-school enrichment activities, and

summer programs to four-year-old children who are eligible to enter public school kindergarten the following year. LA 4 is primarily funded through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant with additional state general funds and Interagency transfers supporting services.

EarlySteps

EarlySteps is Louisiana's Early Intervention System, providing supports and services to children ages, birth to age three, and their families who have a developmental delay or disability. The system provides an array of services based on child and family needs, including therapies and support coordination as determined by the family's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). EarlySteps is funded through a combination of state general funds, interagency transfers, and federal funds.

The Adolescent School Health Program (ASHP)

ASHP is the program office that funds, sets policy/standards, offers technical assistance, and monitors school based health centers (SBHCs) across Louisiana. There are currently 65 SBHCs that provide comprehensive primary and preventive medical and behavioral health services to school age children within clinics established on school campuses. Services include preventive health care and medical screenings; comprehensive risk assessments; screenings for hypertension and other medical conditions; routine height, weight, BMI measurement and lifestyle counseling; treatment for simple illnesses/minor injuries; referral and follow-up for serious illnesses and emergencies; psychosocial/clinical counseling, referral and follow up; management of chronic diseases; screening/treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs); tobacco cessation programs; sports/employment physicals; immunizations and enrollment as user of LINKS, the statewide computer-based system designed to track immunization records; lab testing; education/counseling related to avoidance of high risk behavior. SBHCs are staffed by multidisciplinary teams that include primary care providers, usually family nurse practitioners, registered nurses or physician assistants, social workers or professional counselors, and receptionists/data clerks. School based health centers are funded through state general funds and statutory dedications.

Child Protection Investigations

The Child Protection Investigations Program provides for investigations of child abuse and neglect, as well as the provision of short-term, concrete services to children and families. These services are legally mandated, specialized investigations and social services for children who are alleged to be neglected, abused, and exploited or without proper custody or guardianship. This program is funded through a combination of state general funds and federal funds.

Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

As a component of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) will serve up to 2400 young people with behavioral health challenges who are in or at-risk of out of home placement and their families. The CSoC is an initiative of Governor Bobby Jindal that brings together the Department of Children & Family Services; the Department of Education; the Department of Health & Hospitals; the Office of Juvenile Justice; the Governor's Office; and family, youth, and advocate representatives. Goals for the CSoC include reduction in the number of youth in residential/detention settings and of the state's cost of providing services by leveraging Medicaid and other funding sources and improving the overall outcomes for these children and their caregivers

The CSoC is scheduled to begin enrollment in five regions of the state in March 2012. This includes the Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, and Capital areas as well as Jefferson Parish. Youth enrolled in the CSoC will receive individualized care planning using an innovative practice known as "wraparound" provided by newly formed regionally-based Wraparound Agencies and also receive additional support services from Family Support Organizations. In addition to wraparound care planning, the 1915(c) and 1915(b)(3) waivers that support CSoC will allow this subset of the youth population who have intensive needs to receive additional services including parent support and training, youth support and training, crisis stabilization, respite and independent living/skill building. CSoC will be funded through state general funds, interagency transfers, federal funds, and Medicaid.

Foster Care

Foster care is a protective service provided to children in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services. It provides substitute, temporary care (e.g., foster family home, residential care facility, etc.) for a planned period of time when a child must be separated from his own parents or relatives. Foster care is funded through a combination of state general funds and federal funds.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

TANF is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. The goals of TANF include: 1) assisting needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes; 2) reducing the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; 3) preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and 4) encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. The Department of Children and Family Services utilizes cash assistance programs such as Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) and the Kinship Care Subsidy Program (KCSP) to assist families and help in accomplishing these objectives. The TANF block grant also funds several statewide programs or "Initiatives" that focus on three benchmark

areas: Literacy, Employment and Family Stability. The CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates program), Early Childhood Supports and Services Initiative, LA 4 Public Pre-Kindergarten Program, and the Student Scholarships for Education Excellence Program are examples of some of the active initiatives that focus on the welfare of children throughout the state. However, as the once prevalent TANF surplus continues to shrink, its ability to fund some of these initiatives is also diminished. TANF is funded through state general funds, interagency transfers, and federal funds.

The Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP)

The Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) is a shift in how Louisiana provides behavioral healthcare to its citizens of greatest need. Through a series of transformative changes that have occurred in Medicaid, both adults and children will have improved access to a broader array of behavioral health services. The LBHP will affect roughly 150,000 Medicaid recipients statewide and will enlist a greater number of behavioral health professionals to perform these vital services. One third of enrollees in the LBHP will be children. Based on need and eligibility criteria, children with behavioral health needs will be treated either in the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) or through the general services available to children that are part of the LBHP.

The central component of the LBHP is a managed care entity (termed the State Wide Management Organization - SMO). Through management of behavioral health care, the SMO will make use of leveraged Federal dollars to improve client outcomes and deliver cost-efficient effective care. It will achieve these goals by ensuring that a robust provider network is available that offers all needed levels of care. Traditionally, Louisiana has overused emergency room care and hospitalizations to treat behavioral health concerns. The SMO will work to divert clients from these costly levels of care to more appropriate levels of care. In addition, the SMO will provide 24 hour access for members, care coordination and utilization management, quality management and outcome monitoring, protections for members and providers (grievance and appeals process, credentialing of qualified providers, member input, etc.), and improved reporting. The Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership is funded through state general funds, interagency transfers, fees and self-generated revenue, statutory dedications, and federal funds.

Quality Start Child Care Rating System

Quality Start is the voluntary child care tiered quality rating and improvement system (TQRIS) developed to assess the level of quality in child care for children under six; improve child care services for all children; and communicate to parents, businesses and communities about quality services and their relationship to school readiness. The system also includes supports

and incentives to help providers achieve and maintain quality rating. Quality Start is funded through federal funds however the federal government requires that the state match funds or demonstrate maintenance of effort to draw down its full share of funding.

Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Child Subsidy, and Family Support Services

The developmental disabilities waiver, child subsidy, and family support services include the Children's Choice Program Waiver Program and Individual and Family Support programs.

The Children's Choice Waiver Program keeps children and youth at home with their families by allowing them to obtain all medically necessary Medicaid services, including Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) screenings, environmental modifications, family training, family support and other services. Children's Choice is funded through state general funds and federal funds.

Individual and family support services provide assistance not available from any other resource that will allow people with developmental disabilities to live in their own homes or with their families in their community. A prioritization process is used based on criteria outlined in ACT 378 and the policies and procedures implemented to carry out the intent of the law. Family support services are funded entirely through the state general fund.

Louisiana's Comprehensive Literacy Plan (LACLIP)

The Louisiana Comprehensive Literacy Plan is a plan of action for a concrete and comprehensive approach to ensure students meet the literacy expectations set forth in the Common Core State Standards that will prepare them to enter college and the workforce ready to succeed. LACLIP is funded through state general funds, interagency transfers, and federal funds.

Prevention and Diversion Services

Prevention and diversion contracts improve the continuum of care and help prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system after an initial contact with the legal system. Through prevention and diversion programs, the Office of Juvenile Justice serves youth in the community who have not been court-ordered into the system, thereby preventing youth contact with the juvenile justice. Prevention and diversion services are funded through state general funds and federal funds.