

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CABINET - MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Florida State Supreme Court
Judicial Meeting Room
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida, 32399

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please contact Christina Pacelle at Christina.Pacelle@eog.myflorida.com to obtain meeting materials.

Children and Youth Cabinet Members in attendance:

- Alan Abramowitz, Executive Director, Guardian ad Litem
- Cyndee Odom, Director, Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection
- Gay Lancaster, Executive Director, Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board
- David Lawrence, President, Early Childhood Initiative Foundation
- Steven J. Uhlfelder, Uhlfelder and Associates, PA
- Abby Vail, Attorney, Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Bryan Vaughan, Acting Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Wansley Walters, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Justice
- David Wilkins, Secretary, Department of Children and Families

Children and Youth Cabinet Members attending by telephone:

- Judy Schaechter, M.D., Director, Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Miami

Children and Youth Cabinet Members unable to attend:

- Pam Bondi, Attorney General
- Toni Crawford, Chairperson, Early Learning Coalition of Duval
- Elizabeth Dudek, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration
- Frank Farmer, State Surgeon General, Department of Health
- Gayle Harrell, Representative (Speaker of the House Designee)
- Cynthia Lorenzo, Director, Agency for Workforce Innovation
- Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Florida Supreme Court (Chief Justice Designee)
- Nan Rich, Senator (Senate President Designee)
- John Winn, Interim Commissioner, Department of Education

Proceedings

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 9:04 pm by the Chairman, David Wilkins, Secretary, Department of Children and Families, who welcomed everyone to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet meeting.

Secretary Wilkins thanked the Florida State Supreme Court, Northwest Regional Data Center, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, and the Department of Children and Families for all their hard work in making sure all the details of our meeting were taken care of.

On behalf of the Governor, Cyndee Odom, Director of the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, introduced David Wilkins, Secretary of the Department of Children and Families as the new Chairman of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet.

Chairman Wilkins introduced and welcomed new Cabinet members in attendance at the meeting: Bryan Vaughan, Acting Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Wansley Walters, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Justice; Cyndee Odom, Director, Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection; Alan Abramowitz, Executive Director, Statewide Guardian ad Litem; Abby Vail; Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Chairman Wilkins thanked the returning Cabinet members in attendance for their service; Toni Crawford, Chairperson, Early Learning Coalition of Duval; Gay Lancaster, Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board; David Lawrence, President, Early Childhood Initiative Foundation; Dr. Judy Schaechter, Director, Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Miami; Steven Uhlfelder, Founder, Uhlfelder and Associates, PA.

Chairman Wilkins announced that Florida's First Lady Ann Scott will also serve as Florida's Chief Child Advocate. Mrs. Scott wrote a letter welcoming the Cabinet members to the Cabinet, and thanked Cabinet members for their work ensuring that all children live in safe, stable and nurturing homes. Chairman Wilkins thanked Mrs. Scott for advocating for children in Florida.

Chairman Wilkins challenged the Cabinet to think collaboratively and across agency lines to improve outcomes for Florida's children families and communities. After Chairman Wilkins gave an overview of the agenda, roll call was taken by Christina Pacelle.

Dr. Barbara Foster, Deputy Chief Child Advocate, Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, presented an overview and history of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet to the Cabinet members. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

Major Cabinet Initiatives are next on the agenda. Dr. Kate Stowell, Executive Director, Policy Group for Florida's Families and Children presented an update on the State of Florida's Child to the Cabinet members. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

- The Child Abuse and Neglect Indicator was presented by Dr. Barbara Foster, Deputy Chief Child Advocate, Governor's Office of Adoption

and Child Protection. Dr. Foster presented to the Cabinet *Florida's Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan: July 2010 – June 2015*. In 2010 the Cabinet adopted the five-year prevention plan as their action plan for the Headline Indicator on Child Well-Being - **Every Florida child has a stable and nurturing family** as measured by the headline indicator of child maltreatment (abuse, abandonment and neglect). A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Dr. Brittany Birken, Director, Office of Early Learning, Agency for Workforce Innovation reporting an update on behalf of the Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Workgroup. Chairman Wilkins requested that the Dr. Birken present to the Cabinet at a later meeting. A copy of the presentation and handouts s filed with these minutes.

Dr. Stacy Howard, Director, State Advisory Council, Agency for Workforce Innovation, presented a status update on the Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

Tim Brown, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Data Center, Florida State University, updated the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet on the Children and Youth Cabinet Information Sharing System. Steve Menard, Northwest Regional Data Center, Florida State University, presented a brief demonstration of the system. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

Chairman Wilkins adjourned the Cabinet members for lunch, reminding members not to discuss Cabinet matters with other members outside of the meeting to stay within Government in the Sunshine.

Chairman Wilkins welcomed Cabinet members to the afternoon portion of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet orientation meeting.

Pat Gleason with the Office of the Attorney General provided a presentation on Government in the Sunshine via telephone. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

An update of the Children's Budget Analysis was provided to the Cabinet by Gay Lancaster, Executive Director, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, and Michael Warner, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

Elizabeth Gaines, Forum for Youth Investment, presented to the Cabinet national issues and policy recommendations. A copy of the presentation and handouts is filed with these minutes.

Public Comments were heard from:

Carolyn Palmer, Go Grandma Go, thanked the Cabinet for their work and requested that they ensure that a pediatrician or psychiatrist sit on the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee to advocate for children.

Christina Spudeas, Executive Director, Florida's Children First, thanked the Cabinet for their time, introduced Florida's Children First, and suggested that the Cabinet include youth in the meetings. A copy of the handouts is filed with these minutes.

Chairman Wilkins thanked the Cabinet members for their time and service and announced that the next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2011 and September 1, 2011 in Orlando. To stay within Florida Statutes, the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will be meeting five more times before the end of the calendar year. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Documents filed with these minutes:

- Letter from Ann Scott, Florida's Chief Child Advocate and First Lady
- Letter from Justice Pariente, Member of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet
- Agenda
- Overview of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Power Point Presentation
- Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Strategic Plan
- The State of Florida's Child Update Power Point Presentation
- The State of Florida's Child
- Child Abuse and Neglect Indicator Power Point Presentation
- Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan Summary
- Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Analysis
- Kindergarten Readiness Headline Indicator Power Point Presentation
- Turn the Curve Summary
- Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care Visual
- Existing Advisory Councils Focused on Children Ages Birth to Eight
- Florida's Early Childhood System
- Florida's Children are Healthy and Prepared to be Successful
- Early Learning Partner's Initiative: Building Strong Sustainable Programs
- Federal and State Efforts to Improve Coordination and Collaboration
- Excerpt from the Reauthorized Head Start Act of 2007
- Governor's Letter Designating the State Early Childhood Advisory Council
- Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care Federal Priorities
- Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care Briefing
- Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care Membership

- Florida State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care Operating Procedures
- Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Information Sharing System Power Point Presentation
- Downtown Tallahassee Lunch Options
- Children's Budget Analysis Power Point Presentation
- Children's Budget Report
- Government in the Sunshine Power Point Presentation
- National Issues and Policy Recommendations Power Point Presentation
- Ready By 21 Executive Summary
- Children's Cabinets Make Smarter Decisions for Kids
- Forum for Youth Investment Memo
- Public Comment Handout Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Brochure
- Public Comment Handout Florida's Children First
- Public Comment Handout Florida Youth Shine Newsletter May 2011
- Florida Children and Youth Cabinet 2011 Meeting Schedule