



Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council

A Presentation to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

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History

- Signed into law on May 4, 2006 by Governor Jeb Bush as HB 0599.
- Created under Florida Statute 14.31
- Established and administratively assigned to the Executive Office of the Governor.
- To encourage faith-based and community-based organizations to work cooperatively with government entities in order to deliver services more effectively.



Membership

- The advisory council is to be made up of 25 members.
- Members may include, representatives from various faiths, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, foundations, corporations, and municipalities.
- Council is composed of:
 - 17 members appointed by the Governor
 - 4 members appointed by the President of the Senate
 - 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Members shall serve 4-year terms.



Charge

- The goals of the Council are to enlist, enable, empower and expand the work of volunteer faith-based and community-based organizations.
- The Council is tasked with providing annual recommendations to the Governor and Legislature that will encourage the government and the faith-based community to work together to improve social services for Floridians.



Re-launch

- In October of 2011, the Governor's office made the decision to move the administrative functions for the Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council to the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection.
- Appointments Office is currently working on re-appointments and new appointments.
- On November 15, 2011 the Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council held a formal re-launch meeting.



Re-launch Cont.

- Thomas Lukasik was voted as the new Chairman and Sheila Hopkins will serve as Co-Chair.
- Presentations were heard from Florida Children and Youth Cabinet and the Children's Cabinet state agencies.
- The next meeting was set for Thursday, February 16, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.



Re-launch: Next Steps

- As part of the discussion of the meeting several things were decided on:
 - The state agencies will provide their community-based and faith-based partnership points of contact which will be made available on the Florida Faith-Based and Community Based Advisory Council webpage on the Governor's site.
 - Host a state-wide annual conference to promote and spread the word about faith-based and community-based partnership opportunities with state agencies.



Thank You!

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