**Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

**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, Becky White, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Cindy Bishop, Christie Smith, Donna Nola-Ganey, Dr. Geoffrey Nagle, Judge George Murray, Girard Melancon, Janie Martin, Jennifer Karle, Judy Harrison, Lyn Hassenboehler, Lynda Gavioli, Dr. Michael Coogan, Myra Magee, Patricia Robinson, and Dr. Stewart Gordon.

***Interested Parties Present:***

Bill Blanchard (DHH-OBH), Anita Ashford (DOE), Brenda Sharp (OCDD), Kris Pottharst (BrightStart), Lenell Young (LA Partnership), Steve Kaufman (Advocacy Centers), Knesha Rose (March of Dimes), Amanda Rasmussen (LA CASA), Lynette Martin (LA CASA), Polly Finley (Jefferson Delegation).

##### *Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:*

The November and December meeting minutes were approved.

***Annual Report:***

The CCAB annual report is due to the legislature on January 31st. This year’s report will follow a similar format to previous reports. Lynda Gavioli will reach out to Theresa Falgoust from Agenda for Children to update the introductory section describing the well-being of Louisiana’s children. Cindy Bishop will update the description of the Legislative Task Force. The report will be sent out for comment prior to submittal.

***Discussion about Potential Changes to Enabling Legislation:***

Ms. Gavioli suggested that discussion of potential legislation be tabled to provide time for thoughtful discussion. The board agreed to table the discussion. Currently, the Children’s Cabinet and its Advisory Board are scheduled to sunset in 2014.

***Children’s Cabinet Strategic Plan &LA Kids Dashboard Initiative:***

Members recommended a mission statement to be included in the Children’s Cabinet strategic plan for consideration by the Cabinet.

***Announcements:***

The Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families will host its annual meeting and training day on Friday, January 27th at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. More information will be disseminated through email.

Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana will host its 26th Annual Kids are Worth It! Conference on child abuse and neglect February 6th – 8th in Baton Rouge. More information will be disseminated through email.

The Child Care Association of Louisiana will host its 2012 Spring Education Conference on February 17th and 18th at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center. More information will be disseminated through email.

The Louisiana Perinatal/Maternal Child Health Foundation will host its 2012 Annual Education Conference on Friday, April 13th in New Orleans. More information will be disseminated through email.

There will be a Children’s Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, February 14th from 10:00am – 11:30am.

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

***Meeting Adjourned***