Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

Unapproved Minutes

***Welcome and Introduction of Members:***

Alexandra Hazlaris (Louisiana Children’s Advocacy Centers), Amanda Brunson(Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana), Danita LeBlanc (DHH, Office of Behavioral Health), Brent Villemarette (DCFS), Sharon Tucker (DCFS), George Murray (Louisiana Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges), James Sprinkle (Families Helping Families), Jennifer Karle (Louisiana Association of Childcare Agencies), John Wyble (Louisiana Court – Appointed Special Advocate Association), Judy Harrison (Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund), Lisa French (Department of Education), Lynette Celestin (Louisiana Families In Need of Services Association), Cynthia Ramagos (Department of Education), Ashley Politz (LA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics), Kristopher Kaliebe (Louisiana Council of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry), Sean Hamilton (Office of Juvenile Justice), Stephen Moret (Louisiana Economic Development), Rachel Veron (Louisiana Economic Development), Brenda Sharp (DCDD – DHH representing Mark Thomas)

A quorum was secured.

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

Motion to accept the January meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved by all.

***Action Items:***

Christie Smith shared with members the newly formatted agenda that includes the vision and mission of the CCAB with appropriate action items under each section. Christie asked if members had any questions, comments, or suggestions about the new format.

Members expressed positive feedback regarding the revised agenda.

Christie shared with members the one-page Advisory Board Strategic Directions form. She explained the plan is a result of the strategic planning process with facilitator, Grace Kelley. The Strategic Directions page is a reflection of the conversations and feedback from everyone that attended the strategic planning meetings.

Additionally, this form is a great communication tool to explain our mission, vision, and action items. Christie pointed out the CCAB Member Form within the folder and explained that this was also created out of the strategic planning discussions, and mentioned that she would like the form filled out and sent to her as soon as possible (4/17/2014).

A motion to accept the new CCAB Strategic Plan was made by Jennifer Karle, seconded by Ashley Politz and approved by all.

There is a new tab on the CCAB website, under Children and Family Resources, which lists family resources by region. This information is still being updated. Moving forward, there will be information listed statewide and divided by region.

HB152 was mentioned as a bill to watch as it would abolish the Dept. of Health and Hospitals and the Dept. of Children and Family Services and create the Dept. of Health and Social Services. The bill provides for the department officers and offices and for reorganization and consolidation of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the former departments into the new department and offices and for reorganization and consolidation of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the former departments into the new department.

Members expressed concerns over how this would affect services for both the elderly and children.

John said he would provide points of discussion regarding the bill to anyone that would like them.

HB 643 was discussed regarding funding for duplicate copies of birth certificates and how this ties into the Children’s Trust Fund.

SB 326 was discussed and how it pertains to protecting victims’ rights.

Christie introduced Dr. Chris Kaliebe, Child Psychiatrist and new member of the CCAB, from New Orleans.

***Public Comments/Announcements:***

John mentioned Geaux Blue week. The Capitol will have people from local areas at booths to promote awareness of children and families.

The National Child Abuse Neglect conference was announced.

***Adjournment:***

Motion to adjourn made by James Sprinkle, seconded by George Murray and approved by all.