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

**Children’s Budget Priority Program Selection Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 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: Alexandra Hazlaris, Amanda Brunson, Brent Villemarette, Carmen Weisner, Christie Smith, David Helveston, Dickie Howze, Debra Dixon, Frankie George Robertson, Judge George Murray, James Sprinkle, Jennifer Karle, Dr. John Wyble, Kim Dodd, Lyn Hassenboehler, Dr. Michael Coogan, Myra Magee, and Ronnie Rossitto.

***Interested Parties Present:***

Ken Hindricks (LA Partnership), Gary Asmus (ULL-Picard Center), Allen Schulenberg (DOE), Jessica Baghian (DOE), Lisa Brochard (DOE), Jenna Conway (DOE), Danny Bosch (Jefferson Delegation), Brenda Sharp (DHH), Gail Grover (EBR DJS), Gail Kelso (DCFS), Stephen Wright (DHH), Melanie Bronfin (LA Partnership), Kris Pottharst (BrightStart), Ashley Politz (LA AAP), Ivy Starns (DOE), Lenell Young (LA Partnership), Rebecca May-Ricks (MHAS/CAP), and Tracy Hubbard (DHH).

##### *Timeline of Elections*

Following the resignation of Lynda Gavioli, Dr. Coogan will serve as interim chair. In an effort to ensure that the next chair is appointed to the Children’s Cabinet by the Office of Boards and Commissions prior to its October meeting, the membership voted unanimously to hold elections in September. The nominating committee will consist of Judge George Murray, James Sprinkle, and Myra Magee who will submit all nominations to Tiffany Simpson by September 4th. The current officers are:

Vice-chair Michael Coogan

Secretary Carmen Weisner

##### *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. In an effort to be more in-line with the budget cycle, the CCAB will now make recommendations by August 31st.

Representatives from the Departments of Children and Family Services, Education, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 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 June meeting. The Department of Health and Hospitals did not participate in the budget exercise this year stating that the budget process in its current format is not a valuable exercise to the department. Secretary Greenstein also re-iterated his support for the Children’s Cabinet and it’s Advisory Board and has committed to working with the Advisory Board to develop a more meaningful process. After reviewing the budget items submitted by the agencies, the 18 members present during the meeting were asked to vote for their top five programs in no particular order. The votes were tallied individually by two scorers 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.

Early Childhood

Louisiana Early Childhood Education Program DOE received 12 votes

Child Care Assistance Program DCFS received 10 votes

Physical/Behavioral Health

Secure Care Facilities OJJ received 11 votes

Foster Care DCFS received 9 votes

Training and Workforce Development

LA Rehabilitation Services LWC received 10 votes

Youth Transition DCFS received 10 votes

Integrated Data System

Louisiana Early Childhood Education Data System DOE received 7 votes

Programs not Selected for Recommendation

Child Protection Investigations DCFS received 5 votes

Behavioral Health Services OJJ received 4 votes

Contracted Community Based Services OJJ received 4 votes

Re-Integration/Re-entry Services OJJ received 3 votes

TANF DCFS received 3 votes

Community Services Block Grant LWC received 1 vote

Minor Labor Laws Enforcement LWC received 0 votes

***Announcements***

The next CCAB meeting will take place Tuesday, September 11th from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

***Meeting Adjourned***