Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board (CCAB)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday May 13th, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Unapproved Minutes

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

Alexandra Hazlaris (Louisiana Children’s Advocacy Centers), Danita LeBlanc (DHH, Office of Behavioral Health), Lindsey Usry (Institute of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health at Tulane University), 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), Ken Hinrichs (Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families), Lynette Celestin (FINS), Myra Magee (Parent Representative)

Interested Parties: Lynette Martin (Louisianachildren.org), Dr. Kris Kaliebe (Louisiana Council for Child Psychiatry), Lenell Young (LAPEN), Thomas N. Thompson (DHH)

Quorum was not achieved.

***Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes***

It was noted that on the April meeting minutes, Dr. Kris Kaliebe’s name was misspelled. Motion to accept minutes will be made at next meeting.

***Action Items:***

Strategic Plan Review:

Christie Smith recapped the positive feedback regarding the newly formatted meeting agenda that she introduced during the last meeting.

Christie explained that she has had communication with Dr. Mary Livers, OJJ, about the progression of the Children Youth Planning Boards (CYPBs). Christie explained that the MacArthur Grant that was supporting the CYPBs has officially ended and she is actively seeking new grant opportunities. Productive conversations about how to best move forward with the CYPBs/collaborations with the Advisory Board are a result of the work that we have put in to develop a Strategic Plan with clear deliverables. The new plan has attracted the attention of Cabinet members and other organizations that the CCAB has been striving to collaborate with.

Update: The member contact information index will be available to all CCAB members at the next meeting. This will be a valuable resource for us to improve our coordination and collaboration.

***Action Items:***

Rolanda Kirby expressed her satisfaction for the success and large turnout at the Children’s Well-Being Summit. There were 145 individuals in attendance. It was multidisciplinary group, including the legal community and social workers, and physicians and doctors from various fields to engage in the discussion of the well-being of children. One of short term outcomes was that of the summit increased awareness generally among all the attendees about the emerging evidence across the US from the medial and neuroscience communities about the negative effects of child maltreatment. For some of the attendees, this was their first time hearing about these evidence-based practices. A long term outcome, which Rolanda believes the Children’s Cabinet will be most interested in, are the 2014 Louisiana Child Well-being summit recommendations. These are recommendations that came from the speakers and the discussions between the attendees and speakers. We pulled out some of the major points. We were able to categorize these recommendations. Another long term outcome is that fact that there is interest in forming a child well-being advisory council for Louisianachildren.org.

***Adjournment:*** Meeting adjourned