



# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children's Cabinet Meeting

Friday, October 21, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Central Time

APT Solutions, 2900 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501

Virtual Call through Microsoft Teams

### Members in attendance

Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Representative Kim Koppelman	Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection & Advocacy	Senator Joan Heckaman, Chair
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	

### Members Absent

Honorable Justice Lisa McEvers	Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor's designee
Kim Jacobson, Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
Senator Larry Luick	

### Other attendees

Kelli Ulberg	Bridget Dowling
Cathy Ferderer	Chris Jones
Heather Traynor	Pam Sagness

Sarah Haight	Cory Pedersen
Chidimma Jenkins	

**Call to Order – 11:00 a.m.** – Senator Heckaman

**Motion to Pass Agenda** – Motioned by Russell Riehl, Second by Janell Regimbal.

**Unanimous Approval**

**Motion to Pass Minutes from 9.16.2022** – Motioned by Russell Riehl, Second by Veronica Zietz.

**Unanimous Approval**

**Aspen Institute Presentation** – Sarah Haight and Chidimma Jenkins

- Effective and Efficient Strategies for ND Children’s Cabinet
  - a. Connect and collaborate with external partners and stakeholders in key policy areas impacting children and families
  - b. Reimagine the child welfare system and early childhood systems to prioritize prevention, and leverage voices of service recipients and external partners and stakeholders
  - c. Consider the potential for impact, flexibility and sustainability in leveraging new and existing resources to support children and families in North Dakota
- Use Whole Family Approaches
  - o Measure and account for outcome for both children and their parents
  - o Engage and listen to the voices of families
  - o Look at needs of different populations
  - o Foster innovation and evidence together
  - o Align and link systems and funding streams
- Considerations for ND Children’s Cabinet
  - o What is the ultimate mission of ND Children’s Cabinet
  - o As a cross-agency, cross-branch entity, how do you hold yourselves accountable to children and families and to one another?
  - o What does this Cabinet need most from the Governor’s office in order to drive this mission forward?

**Cabinet Discussion on Presentation:**

- Partner providers with parents to listen to community problems, incentivize parents for their time if possible
- Make sure you provide feedback to parents to let them know their voices are being heard and matter

- Cabinet needs to focus on accountability it is a top priority for them in order to strengthen their mission.

**Cabinet Discussion on Proposed Bill & Recommendations** Senator Heckaman

- Adding Representatives & Senators from Human Services & Education committee to be on the Children's Cabinet
- Adding DHHS Leaders to the Children's Cabinet
- Juvenile Justice Commission is drafting a separate bill to make the Cabinet a granter.

**Cabinet Discussion: Next meeting** - Sen. Heckaman

- Next meeting is set for November 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**