



# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children's Cabinet Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m., Central Time

Ft. Union Room at ND State Capitol

Virtual Call through Microsoft Teams

### Members in attendance

Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Honorable Justice Lisa McEvers	Senator Michelle Axtman
Representative Brandy Pyle	Kim Jacobson, Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone, Vice Chair
Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Representative Michelle Strinden, Chair
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Maria Neset, Designee for Governor.
Chris Jones, Director of DHHS	Senator Kathy Hogan

### Members Absent

Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection & Advocacy	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
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### Other attendees

Chidi Jenkins	Bridget Dowling
Katie Houle	Sarah Haight
Tami Conrad	Lisa Jahner

**Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.** – Representative Strinden

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

- Aspen Institute with their Ascend program have helped numerous Children's Cabinets around the nation. They specifically talked on Virginia and Georgia.
- They focus on a 2-generation approach with integrational family prosperity being one of their main focuses.
- They mentioned different articles the Cabinet members can read like "reimagining child welfare" to learn more on specific topics Aspen Institute has researched thoroughly.

**Cabinet Discussion on Aspen Institute Presentation** – Led by Chair Strinden

- Chair Strinden and others are very interested in finding out what other State's Children's Cabinets are doing and how they are being effective. Aspen Institute gave examples from Virginia and Georgia how their Cabinet rarely meets but has 2-5 small workgroups underneath the Cabinet that meet regularly. Each workgroup has a specific task/goal.
- Senator Hogan would like the Cabinet to start gathering information specifically on how children in the State of North Dakota are post-Covid.
- The Cabinet will focus the next month/next meeting on a mission statement or goal that the Cabinet can focus on. Each member will have to submit 2-3 different mission statements for the next meeting.
- Children's Cabinet would also like to look into receiving some funding to create a program to help benefit Children in ND. Senator Hogan will be meeting with the Dakota Medical Foundation about donations.

**Motion to Pass Minutes from 2.16.2023** – Motioned by Russell Riehl, Second by Kim Jacobson.

**Unanimous Approval**

**Cabinet Discussion on Bills** – Led by Chair Strinden

- Each Cabinet member went over bills they were tracking during this past session and which bills passed/failed.
- Senator Hogan recapped which studies are required for this interim. We will learn on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> about which "may study" bills will be studied and who will be on these committees.

**June Meeting Discussion** – Led by Chair Strinden

- The Cabinet will meet for 1 hour virtually at the end of June.
- Bridget will send out a doodle to see what date and time work best for Cabinet Member.

3:10 p.m.     **Adjourn**