



Meeting Minutes

North Dakota Children's Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Central Time

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
Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection & Advocacy	Maria Neset, Designee for Governor.
Chris Jones, Director of DHHS	Senator Kathy Hogan

Members Absent

Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
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Other attendees

Kelli Ulberg	Bridget Dowling
Katie Houle	Shauna Eberhardt
Jim Vetter	Lisa Jahner
Sara Kapp	

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m. – Representative Strinden

Motion to Pass Minutes from 5.19.2023 – Motioned Representative Brandy Pyle,
Second by Senator Michelle Axtman.

Unanimous Approval

Mission Statement for Cabinet – Cabinet Discussion – Here

- Cabinet members submitted similar mission statements and goals for Cabinet to focus on
- Kim Jacobson will be leading a workgroup to develop the Cabinet's mission statement and incorporate the ideas submitted to the Cabinet in the document above.
- A main goal of the Cabinet should be to connect agencies, non-profits, and other private sector organizations to collaborate. The best avenue for this would be a website.
- Aspen Institute will provide assistance once the Cabinet has narrowed down its goal and mission statement.
- School focus: ND has a handful of great programs and schools, we need to do a deep dive into why these programs and schools are thriving and have high success rates, and others are not. Need to look at policy on the State level to see if any change in code would result in prosperity for children in ND.
- Superintendent Basler: children's behavior does not change until adults' behavior changes. Cabinet needs to focus on feasible, specific goals for teams, leaders, systems and adults that will positively impact the children. We need to find ways to reward when these goals are met as well.
- Mission Statement workgroup will develop a statement by July 31st.
- DHHS will look into contracting with an entity to assist the Cabinet with strategic planning and technical assistance.
- Mission Statement will be broad and have specific goals tied to the statement.

Contract for Facilitating Cabinet – Led by Chair Strinden

- It is the request of the Cabinet that the contract with APT continue.
- Chris Jones requested that an Alternate Procurement be submitted in order to extend the contract. If not approved, the Department will proceed with standard procurement procedures.

July Meeting– Led by Chair Strinden

- Bridget will email a doodle for the next meeting date in July. Survey results have scheduled the July meeting to be held on July 28th, at 11:00 a.m.

10:50 a.m. **Adjourn**