



Meeting Minutes

North Dakota Children's Cabinet Meeting

Friday, September 16, 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	Kim Jacobson, Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone
Representative Kim Koppelman	
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor's designee	Senator Joan Heckaman, Chair
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Honorable Justice Lisa McEvers

Members Absent

Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection & Advocacy	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
Senator Larry Luick	

Other attendees

Kelli Ulberg	Bridget Dowling
Cathy Ferderer	Jim Vetter
Heather Traynor	Bobbie Johnson

Tracy Miller	Cory Pedersen
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Call to Order – 11:00 a.m. – Senator Heckaman

Motion to Pass Minutes from 8.19.2022 – Motioned by Kim Jacobson, Second by Russell Riehl.

Unanimous Approval

Cabinet Discussion on Duties Described in the Century Code – Senator Heckaman
- Cabinet has a good start on A-H, but is looking for more outside input from providers, agencies, ext.

- a. Coordinate broad-based leadership across programs, agencies, branches of government, and tribal nations to meet the needs of children;
- b. Develop strategies to address gaps or needs regarding early care and education, medical and behavioral health, community, child welfare, and juvenile justice;
- c. Develop strategies to provide for the full continuum of care in the delivery of services, including promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention, service delivery, and recovery;
- d. Seek to engage cooperation across public and private service providers;
- e. Provide a comprehensive vision for how and where children are best served, attending to children in a respectful and relevant manner;
- f. Seek strategies to provide services to children without consideration of prior engagement with juvenile services;
- g. Provide for the active participation of consumers and providers statewide on advisory committees; and
- h. Receive information and recommendations from the department of health and human services, department of corrections and rehabilitation, and other state agencies.

Cabinet Discussion on Court Recommendation: - Justice McEvers - Attachment

3 Primary Recommendations

- More Judgeships
- More Full-time positions
- More case aids

Other Recommendations

- Additional resources for indigent defense
- Additional resources for family therapy

Motion to Approve Court Recommendations– Motioned by Russell Riehl, Second by Justice McEvers.

Unanimous Approval

Presentation on Title IV-E Services – Tracy Miller – Attachment

Services Title IV-E Provides

- Healthy Families
- Brief Strategic Family Therapy
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
- Parents as Teachers
- Nures-Family Partnership
- Homebuilders
- Multisystemic therapy
- Functional Family Therapy
- Family Check-Up with Everyday Parenting

Gaps with Title IV-E

- Only 35 registered providers
- Lack of Providers causes little to no services being provided in the rural areas
- Needs more funding

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
- Cabinet will be reviewing recommendations and discussing simplifying them at the October Meeting.

Cabinet Discussion on next topics to look into – Senator Heckaman

- Lack of Providers/Workforce in ND
- Mental & Behavioral Health Challenges for Children in ND
- Tribal Overrepresentation in the system

Cabinet Discussion: Next meeting - Sen. Heckaman

- Next meeting is set for October 21, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

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