



# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children’s Cabinet Meeting

October 27, 2020

1 p.m., Central Time

Microsoft Teams, Virtual Meeting

APT Inc. 2900 E. Broadway Ave.

Bismarck, ND 58501(Physical Location)

### Members in attendance

Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Rep Lawrence Klemin, Speaker of the House
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor’s designee	Kimberly Jacobson, Parent/Private Service Provider
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Chris Jones, Director, ND Dept. of Human Services
Rep Chet Pollert, Chairman – Legislative Management – Presiding Officer	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
Senator David Hogue	Teresa Larsen, Director of the Committee on Protection and Advocacy
Maria Neset, ND Governor’s Office	

### Other attendees

Pamela Sagness, Director Behavioral Health Division	Bill Kalanek, APT Inc.
Kelli Ulberg, Behavioral Health Division	Cathy Ferderer, Justice McEvers Designee

### Public Attendees:

Sally Holewa, Lisa Bjergaard, Mark Ehrmantraut, Susan Gerenz, Roxanne Romanick, Heather Simoneck, Lisa Feldner, Jim Vetter

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Representative Pollert

**Consideration of minutes from the July 2020 meeting** – Superintendent Baesler moved approval, seconded by Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford, motion approved.

**Update from Bill Kalanek, APT Inc.** –

Review of info from previous Children’s cabinet meetings.

Reported determination from ND Legislative Council, cabinet report not required by law.

**Sally Holewa, ND Supreme Court-**

Review of court system Technology needs.

Case Management System

- Purchased 1998, out of service. No longer able to update.
- 2013 report outlined needs, request made to 2015 legislature.
- No request made to legislature in 17 or 19.
- Probation hearings now being conducted through Zoom for pandemic.
- Received CARES act funding to update courtrooms
- 2 million off-the-shelf system part of 2021 request.

**Question by Sen. Hogue** – inquired about budget priorities for upcoming session.

**Comment by Rep. Klemin** – Commented on difficulty in data retrieval and access to documents.

General Discussion

**Lisa Bjergaard, Juvenile Justice Commission-**  
**Discussion of Legislative priorities**

- Bill drafted with extensive changes in language by interim committee.
- Juv. Justice Commission reworked bill and suggested amendments.
- Many public comments received by committee.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft send to interim committee.
- Bill forwarded to Legislative Management for submission.
- Rep. Klemin- General comments about bill and process.
- Rep. Pollert- General comments of support.

**Dr. Rosalee Etherington, ND State Hospital** – Presentation (see attached)

Behavioral Health Crisis Service Re-design

- T. Larson commented on the presentation.
- J. Regimbal commented on the presentation.

**Mark Ehrmantraut, ND Dept. of Public Instruction-** Presentation (see attached)

- State Systemic Implementation Plan
- Introduced by Supt. Kirsten Baesler
- Rep. Klemin – Question about mandatory education requirement and dropout rates compared to other states.
- Supt. Baesler – 7-16 in ND, Tribal 7-18
- M. Ehrmantraut general comments

- Discussion of compulsory education and dropout rate of students with emotional disturbance, by Rep. Klemin, Supt. Baesler, J. Regimbal. M. Ehrmantraut indicates importance of CTE/vocational programs and family engagement key factors to success.
- Discussion of need for increased access to CTE
- R. Riehl – comments on what Simle Middle School is doing.x
- Rep. Klemin – asks if there have been recent ND studies on compulsory education or CTE requirements. Supt. Baesler – No.
- Rep. Klemin – Asks whether the cabinet should study?
- Lt. Gov Sanford – Comments on importance of CTE. What can be done?
- R. Riehl – Comments on access issue in smaller communities for both CTE and other core classes.
- Supt. Baesler – Comments that it is “Policy vs. dollars”, SB 2186 in ’17 session. Funding for small districts makes CTE difficult.
- Lt. Gov. Sanford – Suggest BSC President to talk to Cabinet at next meeting.
- Supt. Baesler comments about struggle to fund Adult Learning Centers.
- Rep. Klemin asks Cabinet if there is a need for Study? Cabinet agrees Unanimously
- Rep. Klemin will consult with Rep. Devlin and Bill Kalanek on next steps.

**Public comment – none**

**Rep. Pollert – Discussion of topic and dates for next meeting**

- Next meeting tentatively set for Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> due to Legislative Session.
- Session update and BSC President on CTE identified as possible topics

3:10 p.m.     **Adjourn**