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# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children’s Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2020

1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Microsoft Teams, Virtual Meeting

APT Inc. 2900 E. Broadway Ave.

Bismarck, ND 58501(Physical Location)

### Members in attendance

Kristen Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Rep Lawrence Klemin, Speaker of the House (Phone)
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor’s designee	Kimberly Jacobson, Parent/Private Service Provider (Phone)
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, ND Supreme Court Justice
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 Naset, ND Governor’s Office	

### Other attendees

Pamela Sagness, Director Behavioral Health Division	Bill Kalanek, APT Inc.

### Public Attendees:

Kari Miller, Lisa Boxrud, Vicky Peterson, Austin Klom, Cody Pinks, Rudy Martinson, Alicia Lamb, Misty Pooley, Michelle Griffiths, Teresa Kubal

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

**Consideration of minutes from the February 2020 meeting** – Superintendent Baesler moved approval, seconded by Teresa Larsen, motion approved.

**Update from Pam Sagness, ND Dept. of Human Services** –

Review of info from previous Children’s cabinet meetings.  
Demonstrated Children’s cabinet web page.  
Reviewed Senate Bill 2313 from the 2019 Legislature.

**Lisa Bjergaard, Juvenile Justice Commission** –

Reviewed duties of the commission  
Explained that commission comprised of 16 person working group.  
Presented report (3 Documents) (attached)

- Question by T. Larsen to Rep. Klemin requesting a review of the bill draft referenced in the report.
- Rep. Klemin referred question to L. Bjergaard
- L. Bjergaard explained the bill draft is a result of recommendations for the Justice Center and includes Definitions of “unruly children, delinquent and definitions in the guardianship chapter of NDCC.

Rep. Klemin, Interim Judiciary Comm. Chariman – referred cabinet to L. Bjergaard’s testimony in the interim committee if they’d like more info. He went on to explain the Guardianship chapter lacked definitions and the draft creates 3 new chapters. He indicated public comment should be forwarded to Samantha Kramer in Legislative Council by August 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Question by K. Jacobson: Is the draft bill modeled after another state?
- Rep. Klemin response: The draft was not based on a model but incorporated changes from the Council of State Governments and the Justice Center.
- Sen. Hogue requested an explanation of the decriminalization of “unruly behavior” from L. Bjergaard.
- T. Larsen inquired regarding the effects for School Resource officers, L. Bjergaard explained the process.
- Rep. Klemin referred question to R. Riehl for further explanation who explained SRO’s role and the resources available to them.
- J. Regimbal commented on the discussion

**Heather Traynor, ND Court System** – Presentation (see attached)

Court Improvement Program and Dual Status Youth Initiative

- K. Jacobson commented on the presentation as to whether training is available.
- H. Traynor indicated that training is being developed by her office.
- Justice McEvers asked a question as to whether the office had adequate staffing.
- H. Traynor indicated her office would need additional staff.

**Pam Sagness, ND DHS Behavioral Health Division** – Child Behavioral Health Update

- Presentation, no questions.

## **Public comment – none**

### **Cabinet discussion**

- Rep. Pollert: Simple Pilot Plan Update from P. Sagness, K-12 & Spec. Ed updated from Supt. Baesler for next meeting.
- Rep. Klemin to have planning session with Rep. Devlin, Sen. J. Lee, Sen. Hogue prior to next meeting.
- Rep. Pollert to inquire with Leg. Council as to whether or not the cabinet is required to submit a report to the ND Legislature.
- T. Larsen offered to give update on Mobile Crisis Unit for next meeting.
- Update from Children's Behavioral Health Task Force to be requested of Greg Gallagher.
- J. Regimbal commented that the cabinet needs to identify gaps in programming, coverage across agencies, what's being missed and how to coordinate services.
- Justice McEvers suggested a report from Sally Holewa on the technology needs for Juvenile court officers and families.
- Rep. Pollert to meet with Bill Kalanek to discuss next meeting.
  
- Next meeting in October

2:52 p.m.     **Adjourn**

Minutes approved 10/27/2020, 1:05pm, Motion by Supt. Baesler, Seconded by Lt. Gov. Sanford, motion passes.