



Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet

Meeting of the Early Childhood Education Cabinet

June 25, 2013 • 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School

ATTENDANCE

Member	Member Type Required by Federal Statute		Member	Member Type Required by Federal Statute	
David Title, Chair <i>Superintendent of Fairfield PS</i>	Representative of a Local Education Agency	X	Deb Johnson <i>Section Chief, Dept. of Public Health</i>	Representative of the State Agency Responsible for Health or Mental Health Care	
Catherine Abercrombie <i>State Representative</i>	Member of the House of Representatives		Michelle Maggio <i>Parent</i>	Parent	
Cathy Battista <i>President, FRC Alliance</i>	Representative from Family Resource Centers		David Morgan <i>Vice President, TEAM, Inc.</i>	Representative from Head Start Agency	X
Peter Palermino (for Claudette Beaulieu) <i>Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Social Services</i>	Representative from State Agency Responsible for Child Care		Joan Parris <i>Director, ECE, Norwalk CC</i>	Representative of Institutions of Higher Education	X
Marisol Estrada-Soto <i>Parent</i>	Parent		Edie Reichard <i>Director, Sleeping Giant Day Care</i>	Representative of a State-funded Child Care Center	X
Harriet Feldlaufer <i>Chief, Bureau of Teaching & Learning, Dept. of Education</i>	Representative of the State Education Agency	X	Andrea Stillman <i>State Senator</i>	Member of the Senate	
Linda Goodman <i>Director, Birth to Three, Dept. of Developmental Services</i>	Representative of Entity Determined Relevant by the Governor	X	Maria Synodi <i>Special Education, Dept. of Education</i>	Representative of the State Agency Responsible for Programs under 619 or Part C of the IDEA	
Vacant	Representative from the Business or Philanthropic Community		Eileen Ward <i>Director, Children's Community Development Center</i>	Representative of Local Providers of Early Childhood Education	X
Leah Grenier <i>Budget Specialist, Office of Policy & Management</i>	Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management Designee	X	Grace Whitney <i>Director, Head Start Collaboration Office</i>	State Director of Head Start Collaboration	
Stephen Tracey (for Janice Gruendel) <i>Dept. of Children & Families</i>	Commissioner of the Department of Children & Families	X	Elaine Zimmerman <i>Exec. Dir., Commission on Children</i>	Executive Director of the Commission on Children	X

A. Welcome and Introductions

David Title, called the meeting to order at 12:51 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 30, 2013, meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

C. Cabinet Updates

David Title announced that Myra Jones-Taylor has been appointed the Executive Director of the Office of Early Childhood.

D. Work Group Updates

Work group updates were provided by the following individuals:

- Early Learning Standards: Harriet Feldlaufer
- Data Systems: Linda Goodman
- Professional Development/Workforce: Joan Parris
- Home Visitation/Parent Engagement: Elaine Zimmerman
- QRIS: Eileen Ward
- Health Promotions: Marjorie Chambers and Kareena Duplessis
- Public/Private Partnerships: Leah Grenier

These updates can be found within the work group final reports anticipated for August. Once finalized, these final reports will be located on the Cabinet's website: www.ctearlychildhood.org.

E. Next Steps

Myra Jones-Taylor thanked everyone for their hard work and voiced her enthusiasm and excitement about the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The OEC will be located in the State Office Building on the ground floor. Connecticut Charts-a-Course will be moving to the State Office Building on Monday, July 1. Mara Siladi and Carlota Schechter will be staying on for one year as the implementation team. Linda Goodman will be on loan to the OEC from DDS for one year. Harriet Feldlaufer, Lynn Johnson, Deb Johnson and Karen Foley-Schain make up the leadership / management team of the OEC. A feasibility study will be conducted to assess Birth to 3 moving to the OEC. Myra has also been reaching out to the EC Funder's Collaborative to support the work of the new office.

The Early Childhood Cabinet will remain as currently stated in legislation. The Governor's office is working within the parameters of the current legislation to add the Executive Director of the OEC to the Cabinet membership. Karen Ponder from BUILD will be consulting with the Cabinet to assist with the transition. Karen expressed her pleasure on working with Connecticut during the transition.

David Title announced his resignation from the Cabinet effective June 30. He acknowledged the hard work of the leadership team and the importance of moving the work of the Cabinet to the OEC. John Rathgeber, former chair of the Cabinet, stated his appreciation of the work of the Cabinet and reminded us of the moral and economic imperative to have every child in the state have a high-quality education. He acknowledged David Title's passion, leadership skills and hard work in moving this work forward. The recommendations of the Cabinet to the OEC will make a difference in children's lives. Mr. Rathgeber presented David Title with a proclamation from Governor Malloy acknowledging him for his service. He also wished Dr. Jones-Taylor well.

F. Public Comment

Maggie Adair acknowledged the trust and respect that was cultivated in the development of the office.

Kate Marsland thanked the Cabinet for their work.

Sue Tenorio noted that Waterbury Parents Plus would be a resource for the Early Learning Standards Block Party event in August.