Governor’s Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services

Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2014
9:00 – 10:30
Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

Present:

Cabinet Members and Designees: Co-chair Terry Edelstein; Co-chair Peter DeBiasi; Kathleen Stauffer; Margaret Gerundo-Murkette; Terry Macy; Sandy Porteus; Maureen Price-Boreland; Roberta Cook; Cindy Butterfield; Lois Nesci; Anne Ruwet; William Hass; Amy Porter; Cheryl Cepelak; Luis Perez; Josie Robles; Rick Porth

State Agency Representatives: Dimple Desai for Evonne Klein; Cynthia Theran and Deb Fuller for Stephen Grant; Pietro Rosato for Myra Jones-Taylor; Chris Andresen for Katharine Lewis; Kate McNulty for Patricia Rehmer

Absent Cabinet Members: Kathleen Brennan; Stephen Grant; Evonne Klein; Patricia Rehmer; Myra Jones-Taylor; Katharine Lewis; Robert Dakers; Jim Maloney

Welcome Co-chair Edelstein called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Introductions of Cabinet Members: Cabinet Members introduced themselves.

Approval of 9/12/14 Cabinet Meeting Minutes A motion (Cook) to approve the September 12, 2014 meeting minutes was made and seconded (Macy). The minutes were approved by voice vote with one abstention (Ruwet).

Work Group Reports and Recommendations

- Work Group on Business Practice
  Work Group Co-chairs Amy Porter, Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation Services and Dr. William Hass, President and CEO of FSW, Inc. CT each presented the tasks and recommendations of the Business Practice Work Group (see attachment).
  - A motion (Perez/Robles) to approve amended version of recommendations for “Task #1: Identify models, best practices, and incentives for collaboration and partnership among nonprofit organizations” was approved unanimously by voice vote.
  - A motion (Macy/Perez) to approve amended version of recommendations for “Task #2: Identify processes for streamlining nonprofit business practices using tools such as the Lean model” was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- A motion (Price-Boreland/Stauffer) to approve amended version of recommendations for “Task #3: Evaluate the potential for engaging in innovative or emerging business practices such as Social Impact Bonds and Social Enterprise” was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- A motion (Nesci/Macy) to approve amended version of recommendations for “Task #4: Make recommendations on the technical resources that nonprofit organizations need in order to collect and analyze data that will drive performance delivery and budget decisions” was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- A motion (Robles/Stauffer) to approve amended version of additional recommendations was approved unanimously by voice vote.

(Co-chair Edelstein left the meeting due to another commitment.)

- **Work Group on Nonprofit Employment Data**
  Work Group Co-chairs Cheryl Cepelak, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Correction and Luis Perez, President and CEO of Mental Health Association of CT each presented the tasks and recommendations of the Nonprofit Employment Data Work Group (see attachment).
  - “Table 1: Health and Human Service Positions and Corresponding Salary in Connecticut”— Consensus was reached that the last row be deleted because of the small sample size and lack of clarity as to what positions comprised the sample.
  - A motion (Porter/Hass) to approve amended version of recommendations was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- **Work Group on Contract Procurement and Administration**
  Work Group Co-chair Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The ARC of New London County presented the tasks and recommendations of the Contract Procurement and Administration Work Group (see attachment).
  - A motion (Perez/Ruwet) to approve edited version of recommendations was approved unanimously by voice vote.
  - A motion (Porth/Stauffer) to include the 2013 Cabinet recommendations relating to Revenue Retention in the 2014 report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Other Business:**

- A motion (Hass/Macy) to authorize the Cabinet Co-chairs to adjust recommendations to ensure consistency and eliminate redundancies was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Co-chair DeBiasi suggested that the Final Cabinet Report to the Governor include a list of Cabinet accomplishments over the past three years.
- Co-chair DeBiasi indicated that he and Co-chair Edelstein would draft a report for Cabinet consideration. Assuming the Cabinet members support the draft, he and Ms. Edelstein will prepare a final report for Governor Malloy. If there is no consensus, the Co-chairs will convene a follow-up meeting of the Cabinet to approve the final report.
- Co-chair DeBiasi thanked the Cabinet members, and Work Group Co-chairs and participants for their excellent contributions this year.

**Adjournment:** Co-chair DeBiasi adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Recorder: Brandon Cirillo, Public Policy Intern to the Governor’s Nonprofit Liaison