



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 310

Cabinet Members Present: Co-Chair Anne Foley; Co-Chair Luis Perez; Alyssa Goduti; Amos Lee Smith; Commissioner Amy Porter; Anne Ruwet; Barry Simon; Commissioner Betsy Ritter; Bill Hass; Kathleen Stauffer; Maureen Price Boreland; Acting Commissioner Jordan Scheff; Rick Porth; Robert Dakers; and Gary Roberge.

Designees: Dimple Desai for Commissioner Evonne Klein; Ann Simeone for Kathleen Brennan; Yvonne Addo for Commissioner Raul Pino; Pietro Rosato for Acting Commissioner Linda Goodman; and Michael Michaud for Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon.

Absent: Dave Stevenson; Commissioner Joette Katz; Jim Maloney; Josie Robles; Roberta Cook; and Commissioner Scott Semple.

Welcome and Introductions: Co-Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. He welcomed new members and asked members to introduce themselves.

Public Comment: Co-Chair Perez opened the floor for open comment; No public comments.

Approval of Minutes of 12/13/16 Cabinet Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Ritter and seconded by Barry Simons to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

CT Data Academy Letter of Support: Co-Chair Foley reminded members that at the last Cabinet meeting members agreed to provide a letter of support to endorse the work of the CTData Academy in their search for funding. The letter was e-mailed to members and a copy is in the board packet.

Governor's Recommended Budget for FY 2018-2019 Biennium: Co-Chair Foley provided an update of the Governor's Recommended Budget for FY 2018-2019 Biennium. She noted that the Governor's Budget was released in February 2017 and was presented to the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee held public hearings on the Governor's budget and the subcommittees are meeting with individual state agencies on their respective budgets. The

Appropriations Committee will develop and vote on an Appropriations budget by the end of April. Co-Chair Foley highlighted the following items from the Governor's budget relating to the nonprofit sector:

- **Nonprofit Grant Program** – Through the work of the Nonprofit Cabinet, the Governor's Budget recommends authorization of \$25 million in each of the biennium years for a total of \$50 million for capital projects for nonprofit organizations. Prior authorization was \$105 million bringing the total authorization to \$155 million. Robert Dakers noted that \$30 million is available through the recently released Request for Applications. OPM received between 150 and 200 applications totaling over \$80 million in grant requests. The Evaluation Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and notification of awards may be available by the end of May.
- **Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)** - The Governor's Budget proposes the restructuring of state operated services offered through Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) which will result in an increase in private provider operations. This reflects savings due to the conversion of certain state-operated services to private operation during FY 2018. Saving \$2.5 million in FY 2018 and \$5.0 million in FY 2019.
- **Department of Children and Families (DCF)** – The Governor's Budget proposes that \$14.46 million is provided under various accounts to restore prior year budget cuts and support enhanced programming identified by the Department as needed to address gaps in services statewide and to comply with the Juan F. consent decree. The majority of these dollars will be awarded by the department through contract amendments with existing DCF contractors. A smaller portion of the funding will be RFP'd in the coming months.
- **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** – The Governor's Budget proposes funding for:
 - New caseload growth for employment and day services age outs - 93 individuals in FY 2018 and 99 individuals in FY 2019 who will be aging out of services provided by the Department of Children and Families or local education agencies.
 - New caseload growth (through DSS appropriation) for new residential placements – 166 individuals in FY 2018 and 153 individuals in FY 2019 who will be aging out of services provided by the Department of Children and Families or local education agencies, leaving Southbury Training School, leaving Long Term Care facilities or placed by the court system.
 - Annualized savings of FY 2017 Community Living Arrangements (CLA) and Regional Center conversions and closures – transferred funding from DDS to DSS to support anticipated conversions of 40 community living arrangements from publically operated to privately operated and for private provider placement costs for individuals who chose community placements due to the closure of the Ella Grasso and Meriden Regional Centers.
 - ID Partnership Initiatives - Annualized funding of \$3.8 million
 - \$1 million for services that support targeted placements off the waiting list into existing vacancies in Community Companion Homes
 - \$1 million for pilot programs to explore best practices (additional respite services, wrap-around services and programs to prevent emergency placements)
 - \$1.8 million to support rate parity among providers

- Additional \$1 million in bond funding to convert group homes to Supportive Housing Units.
- Supportive Housing Supports - Annualized funding of \$1.4 million for wrap-around services for 70 individuals with intellectual disability or an autism diagnosis residing in new supportive housing units anticipated to open in late FY 2019. (\$350,000 provided in FY 2018 which represents one quarter of funding).

Cabinet Activities: Co-Chair Perez noted that at the last Cabinet meeting members discussed developing a plan for prioritizing and implementing its recommendations. Co-Chair Perez thanked Commissioner Porter and Bill Hass for taking the lead on this task and asked that they present the draft implementation plan to members. The presentation and draft implementation plan can be found at http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/implementation_ppt4.pdf and http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/implementation_plan_draft.pdf. Below are the highlights of the presentation and draft implementation plan.

- The Cabinet will focus this year on prioritizing and implementing some of the previous recommendations
- Members previously reviewed recommendations, decided on a process for prioritization and requested a draft implementation plan
- Prioritization Process – each existing workgroup (Contract Administration, Employment and Training, and Business Practice) prioritized their top five recommendations
- Members were asked to rank recommendations within each of the three workgroup content areas
- A survey was developed and sent to members for input: 85% or 22 of 26 members responded
- Based on the survey results it is recommended that two teams be established to work on the following priority recommendations:

Team 1

- Strategies for recruitment , training, retention and career advancement
- Foundational component for effective collaborations
- Access to DECD capital and technical assistance
- Access to process improvement and technical assistance

Team 2

- Data Use /Reporting
- Rate Setting Office
- Best practices in contract procurement

Each Team should create strategies with timeframes to complete implementation by the end of December 2017.

Each Team should begin their work by reviewing the Partnership Principles and discussing how they relate to their work. (ex: collaboration). The Co-Chairs of each team should remind their respective team of the Partnership Principles.

Cabinet members discussed and came up with three potential options related to the CT Data Academy work:

1. Include a clear link with the CT Data Academy in the work of Team 2 around Data Use/Reporting;
2. Add a Data Use/Reporting component to Team 1 as well and have both groups determine the link with the work of the CT Data Academy; or
3. Specifically identify and report on the work of the CT Data Academy in the Communications Plan (which is the responsibility of the Steering Committee).

Further discussion will take place to determine the best course of action regarding the three options mentioned above.

The Co-Chairs will send out an e-mail to cabinet members to notify them of team co-chair opportunities.

Other Business: No other business indicated.

Next Steps: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Recorder: Pamela Trotman, Office of Policy and Management