

Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2012

Legislative Office Building

Hearing room 2-B

Hartford, CT

Members Present: Co-Chair Peter DeBiasi; DDS Commissioner Terrence Macy; Anne L. Ruwet, Roberta Cook; Yvette H. Bello, Patrick J. Johnson, Jr.; Daniel J. O'Connell; Maureen Price-Boreland; Nancy Roberts; DMHAS Commissioner Patricia Rehmer; Robert Dakers, OPM; State Representative Michelle Cook; DCF Commissioner Joette Katz; DOC Commissioner Leo Arnone; Marcie Dimenstein

Members' Representatives Present: Kathleen Brennan (representing DSS Commissioner Roderick Bremby); Catherine Lewis (representing DPH Commissioner Jewel Mullen) Brian Hill (representing William Carbone)

Members Absent: DSS Commissioner Roderick Bremby; DPH Commissioner Jewel Mullen; SDE Commissioner Stefan Pryor; William Carbone; Deborah Chernoff; Theresa Santoro

Guest: Incoming Nonprofit Liaison Terry Edelstein

I. Welcome and Comments

Co-Chair DeBiasi called the meeting to order at 10:08. Members introduced themselves for the record. Terry Edelstein, the Governor's appointed Non-Profit Liaison who will begin her position on October 5 was introduced.

II. Report Submission and Follow-up.

Co-Chair DeBiasi began discussion with request for suggestions and recommendations on this topic. There was agreement that it would make sense to have Working Group Co-Chairs and select Commissioners be part of a meeting where the highlights of the report are presented to Governor Malloy and/or his staff.

III. Report Content:

o Rebidding Process

After some discussion it was clear that no consensus has been reached on whether or not to recommend changes to the Purchase of Service Contract Rebidding process. Therefore, it was agreed through a straw poll that language will added to the Annual Report to indicate that further discussion is needed on this important subject.

o Report Priorities

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that given the complexity of the task and the limited time available, the Cabinet was unable to develop a set of priorities at this time.

Subsequently, the Cabinet empowered the Cabinet Co-Chairs to meet with the working group co-chairs to decide how to resolve this issue of if and/or how to present priorities in the report. If recommending priorities is delegated to the working groups, those recommendations, as suggested by Commissioner Katz, should be guided by consistent themes and/or criteria established by the Cabinet Co-chairs and the working group co-chairs.

IV. Action on Year End Report:

Motion (O'Connell/Macy) passed unanimously to approve the report as presented with the addition of the language related to POS contract rebidding, and giving the Cabinet and Working Group co-chairs flexibility to decide how to handle the priorities issue,.

(NOTE: At a meeting on Oct. 2, the co-chairs decided not to include priorities in the report and instead expand the introduction to a summary of the recommendation included in the report.)

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion (Johnson/ Arnone) passed unanimously to approve minutes of the Cabinet's June 15 and August 10 meetings.

VI. Future meetings: A meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m. It will only be convened if needed to take action on priorities to include in the final annual report.

(NOTE: This meeting was subsequently cancelled. The Cabinet will await direction from Governor Malloy regarding its charge for the coming year.)

VII. Adjournment:

Motion (Ruwet/Cook) to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously 11:15.

Recorder: Meg Riding – Office of Policy and Management