

# HB 7089: Future of Child Protection Contracting and Funding Workgroup

## **Meeting Minutes**

## **Meeting Information**

Meeting Name	HB 7089: Future of Child Protection Contracting and Funding		
	Workgroup		
Date	June 18th, 2025		
Time	11:00am-12:00pm		
Location	Virtual- Microsoft Teams Webinar Meeting		
Meeting Objective	Review Feedback and Workgroup Discussion		
Related Documents	Workgroup Supplemental Document		
Voting Action(s)	N/A		

#### Members

P/A	Name	Role	Organization		
Р	Taylor Hatch, Secretary	Chair	Department of Children and Families		
Р	Shevaun Harris, Secretary	Member	Agency for Health Care Administration		
Р	Pedro Allende, Secretary	Member	Department of Management Services		
Р	Mike Watkins	Member (Appointed)	NWF Health Network		
Р	Nadereh Salim	Member (Appointed)	Children's Network of SW Florida		
Р	Andry Sweet	Member (Appointed)	Children's Home Society		
Р	Mark Wickham	Member (Appointed)	Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.		
Р	Julie Smythe	Member (Appointed)	Sunshine Health		
А	Lisa Magruder	Member (Appointed)	Florida Institute for Child Welfare		
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P=Present; A=Absent

## Action Item(s)

1. Approval of June Meeting Minutes



## Meeting Summary

Торіс	Speaker(s)
Welcome & Introduction	Secretary Taylor Hatch
At 11:04 a.m., Secretary Hatch called the HB 7089 Future	
of Child Protection Contracting and Funding Workgroup to	
order.	T
Roll Call	Terrence Watts
Terrence Watts conducted the roll call. 8 of the 9 members were in attendance.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Secretary Taylor Hatch
Secretary Hatch motioned for approval of previous meeting	
minutes (June 2025). Motion was made and seconded.	
There was no opposition and minutes were approved.	
Contracting Overview	Deputy Assistant
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Amanda VanLaningham,	Secretary Amanda
presented a contracting overview presentation to provide a	VanLaningham
backdrop of how DCF works together with its partners to	
carry out its unified mission, the requirements that are	
outlined in F. S., existing processes to ensure	
transparency, and the pathways that are utilized to drive performance for the children and family served.	
Core Objectives	Secretary Taylor Hatch
Core Objective #1: Examine the current contracting	cooletary rayior ridiorr
methods for the provision of all foster care and related	
services.	
Panel 1: Lead Agency Contracting	
Secretary Hatch welcomed and introduced the panelist	Karin Flositz
members: Karin Flositz, CEO for Community Partnership	John Dation
for Children; Jenn Petion, President and CEO for Family Support Services of North Florida and Suncoast; Phil	Jenn Petion
Scarpelli, President & CEO for Family Partnerships of	Phil Scarpelli
Central Florida; and Kim Daugherty, CEO for Heartland for	
Children. Secretary Hatch asked each member to briefly	Kim Daugherty
describe their role and their organization's history with	3 ,
Florida's Child Welfare System. Additionally, Secretary	
Hatch asked for each panel member to highlight areas of	
opportunity relating to current procurement and contracting	
methods including aspects that effectively support service	
delivery as well as potential improvements. This included	
feedback from the members specifically around balancing	
transparency and accountability while reducing	



administrative burden, increasing capacity, and exploring opportunities to further promote demonstrated performance, information sharing, and potential reinvestments.	
	Secretary Taylor Hatch
Recommendation to extend meeting time 15 minutes to 12:15p.m.	
	Lisa Mayrose
Panel 2: Provider Subcontracting	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Secretary Hatch welcomed the panelist members:	Doug Standard
Lisa Mayrose, Executive Vice President of Programs at	
Lutheran Service of Florida; Doug Standard, Vice President of Programs for Daniel Kids; Barbie Toledo, Deputy	Barbie Toledo
Administrator, on behalf of Danny Blanco, Chief Operations Officer of WestCare Florida; and David Brown, Co-Founder and President of Family Initiative. Secretary Hatch asked the members to share experiences and perspectives participating in competitive solicitations and contracting with CBC lead agencies including highlighting future areas of opportunity for advancing leading practices and reevaluating aspects that could encourage agility and effectiveness of service delivery. The panel members expressed the desire for sharing innovative practices illuminated through the contracting process and the opportunity to collaborate with others serving within the system of care. Additionally, feedback included the desire to reduce administrative burden and wage competitiveness.	David Brown
Next Steps	Secretary Taylor Hatch
Secretary Hatch shared the need to collect additional key	
takeaways from the presentations and panels provided	
during the workgroup meeting. Secretary Hatch also	
instructed members to be on the lookout for further	
instruction from Terrence Watts regarding collection of	
feedback and scheduling the July workgroup meeting.	
Public Comments	Public
Secretary Hatch opened the meeting to public comments.	
Seeing none, Secretary Hatch moved to adjourn the	
meeting.	
Adjourn Workgroup	Secretary Taylor Hatch
Secretary Hatch adjourned the HB 7089 Future of Child	
Protection Contracting and Funding Workgroup meeting at	
12:12 p.m.	