

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 | | |
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| | 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 | | |
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| 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) |
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| 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. | |
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| 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. | |
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| | 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. | |