



## Child Care Taskforce Meeting

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May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Taskforce Members Present:**

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD) (Virtual)
- Sophia Kostelanetz: Designee for Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Jamie Stitt: Designee for Commissioner Bob Rolfe (DECD)
- Senator Becky Massey
- Phil Acord
- Pat Sheehy
- Chloe Moore
- Blair Taylor
- Ryan Hughes (Virtual)

### **Staff Present:**

- Jude White
- Gwen Laaser
- Eric Dunn
- Dakota Simpson
- Suzanne Carr
- Trevor Lauri
- Whitney Page
- Cherrell Campbell-Street

### **Taskforce Members Absent:**

- Representative Patsy Hazelwood
- Jeremy Biggs
- Misty Moody: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)

**1:00 p.m. Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

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Commissioner Carter welcomed the group and initiated the roll call.

Commissioner Carter let the group know that DHS would be facilitating the discussion around PCG's interim report.

**1:05 p.m. Interim Report Discussion**

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Suzanne Carr asked the group for thoughts on the organization of the report and how it was presented.

Phil thought that the comments from the interviews might fit better somewhere else in the report, possibly in an appendix. The group discussed the need for an Executive Summary that gives the major highlights of the report in around two pages, synthesizing all of the deep dives the report contains.

Suzanne asked the group what was missing from the report that they would like to see.

Chloe mentioned wanting clear sets of dollar amounts added to the funding resources. Suzanne suggested adding footnotes in the report to note where data is not available, so it does not appear to be missing. The group discussed needing to find data on populations needing services after normal work hours, why there are food deserts in unexpected areas, as well as needing a clearer understanding of the role DHS and DOE have in gathering data.

PCG noted that retitling some of the heat maps in the report may make some of the information more clear.

Suzanne asked the group what direction they felt future meetings needed to go. Commissioner Carter gave three directives: 1) Refine the vision, 2) Settle the elements of the focus groups, and 3) Revisit the report before it is due to be sent to the legislature.

Assistant Commissioner White suggested a third circle be added to the slide in PCG's presentation regarding DOE and DHS that shows other resources. Sophia suggested a chart showing parents' resources vs. provider resources. Blair suggested that PCG and the group possibly look at the Minnesota Model of a public/private partnership for potential analysis.

**3:00 p.m. Adjournment**

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The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Child Care Task Force meeting will take place on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.