



# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children’s Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Central Time

Peace Garden Room – North Dakota Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

### Members in attendance

Kristen Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Rep Lawrence Klemin, Speaker of the House (Phone)
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor’s designee	Kimberly Jacobson, Parent/Private Service Provider (Phone)
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, ND Supreme Court Justice
Rep Chet Pollert, Chairman – Legislative Management – Presiding Officer	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
Senator David Hogue	Teresa Larsen, Director of the Committee on Protection and Advocacy

### Other attendees

Pamela Sagness, Director Behavioral Health Division	Chris Jones, DHS Executive Director
Cory Pedersen, Director Children and Family Services Division	

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Representative Pollert

**Consideration of minutes from the November 2019 meeting** – Will ask for approval of minutes at the end of the meeting – Facilitation of cabinet was discussed. Funding for the facilitator will be from the children’s task force funding

**Update from the Interim Judiciary Committee and the Juvenile Justice Commission** - Representative Klemin – [link to presentation](#)

**Education K-12 Vision** – Superintendent Kirsten Baesler – [Link to Presentation](#)

Presentation is on DPI website on front page

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/sites/www/files/documents/Superintendent/NDEducationVisionAlignedInitiatives2020.pdf>

Reports will be completed at the legislative session

**ND Autism Spectrum Disorder Advocacy Coalition (NDASDAC)** – Teresa Larsen, Protection and Advocacy Project

Testimony given by:

Lorraine Poppie, Owner of Poppies Promise – Summary of current services

Stephanie Nelson – CFO of Anne Carlson Center – Barriers, challenges and remedies in the current system

Kirsten Divorak – ED of the Arc of ND, Parent of an Adult with Autism

Raddock Divorak – Adult with Autism

[Link to Testimony](#)

**Update on Family First Implementation** – Cory Pedersen, Division of Children and Family Services – [link to presentation link to services website](#)

**Life Skills and Transition Center** – Chris Jones, Department of Human Services – [link to presentation](#) – Update as of today there are 14 youth at the LSTC

**Public comment – none**

Lunch Recess

**Human service zones and the opportunities for children/families** – Sara Stolt, Department of Human Services – [Link to presentation](#)

Sara will send percentage of Native Americans in the Casey Family survey to Vincent Roehr

**Department of Health overview of children's services** – Department of Health

Kim Mertz – [Link to presentation](#)

By law they are required to spend 30% of budget on children (ages 1 to 21)

[Link to tobacco state plan](#)

**Cabinet discussion**

- Vincent Roehr update on tribes (Place on next agenda)
- Pamela Sagness – RFP for meeting facilitation – [RFP attached](#)
- Justice McEvers – Dual status youth initiative for next agenda

- Senator David Hogue has agreed to be Vice-Chair of the cabinet
- Minutes – Changes
  - Take out Chief for Justice McEvers
  - Move Teresa Larsen to members not in attendance
- Minutes – Motion
  - Kristen Baesler made a motion to approve minutes with changes
  - Janell Regimbal Second
  - Motion passed
- Janell - Process question – Requests as they come in from outside groups regarding learning about the Cabinet – Where should the requests go and what the protocols are?
  - Pollert – anyone can answer and do a presentation as their opinion not as a voice for the Cabinet or for the Chairman
  
- Pamela and Kelli will continue to be the point of contact until a vendor is chosen
  
- Next meeting in June

2:30 p.m.     **Adjourn**

Minutes Approved: July 28, 2020

Motion by Superintendent Baesler, seconded by T. Larsen, motion carried.