



# Meeting Minutes

## North Dakota Children's Cabinet Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2022  
 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Central Time  
 APT Solutions, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck  
 Virtual Call through GoToMeeting

### Members in attendance

Russell Riehl, Parent/Private Service Provider	Kim Jacobson, Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, Governor's designee	Cathy Ferder, representing Honorable Justice McEvers
Senator Larry Luick	Senator Joan Heckaman, Chair
Veronica Zietz, Director, Protection & Advocacy	Janell Regimbal, Parent/Private Service Provider
Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction	Vincent Roehr, Tribal Nations Representative
Paula Condol, Parent/Private Service Provider	

### Members Absent

Representative Kim Koppelman	
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### Other attendees

Kelli Ulberg	Bridget Dowling
Janice Birkland	Jim Vetter
Maria Neset	Marie Martin
Kristen Hasbargen	Allyson Bartlett

Mistie Bouilly	
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**Call to Order – 11:03 a.m. – Senator Heckaman**

**Motion to Pass Minutes from 1.10.2022** – Motioned by Veronica Zietz, Second by Paula Condol

**Unanimous Approval**

**Tribal Foster Care Issues**– Vincent Roehr, Janice Birkland, Marie Martin, Allyson Bartlett

- Biggest issues are lack of foster homes, high caseloads, short-staffed, lack of qualified applicants for foster homes, lack of funding.
- Possible solutions, public service announcement, rebrand image in the community, create more incentives for foster parents.

**Children’s Cabinet Discussion on Presentation – Senator Heckaman**

- Members discussed what possible solutions can solve these issues.
- Members agreed that there needs to be a database of information on children in North Dakota specifically in foster care.
- Database should include a universal assessment that allows providers to identify what services these children need.

**Subgroup created to figure out what is needed to create a database and universal assessment-** Created by Chair, Senator Heckaman.

- Russel Riehl
- Superintendent Baesler
- Kim Jacobson

**Cabinet Discussion: Next meeting - Sen. Heckaman**

- Next meeting is set for March 14, 2022.

12:34 p.m. **Adjourn**