

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Central Time
Microsoft Teams Virtual Call

Call to Order: 4 p.m. – Rep. Michelle Strinden

Roll Call: 10 – Present, 4 – Absent; quorum met.

Members in Attendance:

Representative Michelle Strinden
Senator Kathy Hogan
Justice Lisa McEvers
Kimberly Jacobson
Senator Michelle Axtman

Maria Neset
Veronica Zietz
Russell Riehl
Daniell Breland
Janell Regimbal

Members Absent:

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler
Wayne Salter

Shawn Huss
Representative Brandy Pyle

Other Attendees:

Meghan McCann
Joe Kolosky
Tim Gienger
Kelli Ulberg
Shae Stober

Dana Kunzman
Melissa Markegaard
Cathy Ferderer
Sara Kapp
Cory Pedersen

Staff:

Scooter Pursley

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Kathy Hogan moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Riehl

Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jacobson moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting.

Second: Regimbal
Motion approved.

Presentation 1: Children's Cabinet 2024 Annual Report

Presenters: Meghan McCann, Forum for Youth Investment; Dana Kunzman, Cross-Systems Consulting Rep. Strinden thanked the team for its work in preparing the annual report and strategic plan. Justice McEvers requested her title in annual report be corrected. McCann guided the cabinet through the annual Children's Cabinet 2024 annual report.

Highlights:

- Developed official Children's Cabinet logo per state design requirements.
- Report includes S.O.A.R. analysis, values, vision and mission.
- Created beginning of a Children's Cabinet charter.
- Presented draft strategic plan with three strategic goals.
- Next steps: Refine strategic actions items; finalize charter and strategic plan; develop outcome-based measures; develop communication plan with new legislators and governor; add links to meeting minutes to the annual report
- Legislative Management will appoint cabinet replacements.

Presentation 2: Discussion of 2025 Children's Cabinet Bill Draft

Presenter: Rep. Michelle Strinden

Strinden reported that many highly effective children's cabinets with actionable items are located within the governor's office for continuity and stability. Strinden said Gov.-Elect Kelly Armstrong is very focused on that. Strinden asked for feedback on having the cabinet in the governor's office. McCann said the already an assumption that the cabinet already is in the governor's office so formalizing that for the long term would be good.

Discussion was held on creation of working groups. Hogan believes the cabinets could be the body that is the gathering place for working groups to clarify things. Riehl supports cabinets being in the governor's office, working groups and staffing. Currently it is not set up to move things forward. Regimbal believes a committee structure is needed for the worked tied to the strategic plan.

Hogan said the strategic plan's cabinet placement within the governor's office is based on data. She believes the draft presents a plan the cabinet can share with people. The third piece, communication, will be the most critical. How do we tell the story to the people?

Strinden said cabinet members should receive bill draft prior to December cabinet meeting for review.

Highlights:

- Children's Cabinets within governors' offices are more effective. Cabinet members agree.
- Formalizing that would be good long-term.
- A fiscal note is included in the bill to provide staffing.
- Strinden wants to see core groups putting out actionable items like bill drafting and research data collection.
- Still gaps in the system.
- Having a staff person could recognize and fill gaps.
- As goals change, committee structure could change.
- Challenges include continuity, onboarding senators and representatives with a passion for the work. Bill draft will address board membership term requirements.
- Communication will be the most critical. How do we tell the story to the right people. Cabinet members will need to tell this story a lot in the next two months.
- Strinden hopes to have a new chair identified by the December meeting.

Presentation 3: Closing Remarks

Presenter: Rep. Michelle Strinden

Lt. Gov.-elect Strinden thanked cabinet members for being allowed to chair the Children's Cabinet and for their dedication and hard work. She will chair the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 4:45 p.m.