

School Readiness Committee
Meeting Minutes
West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building
1111 E. Broad Street, Richmond VA 23219
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
2pm – 4pm

Attendees

Present Members: Irene Carney, Kathy Glazer, Mark Gordon, Philip Hawkins, Gail Johnson, Sara Miller, Christine Schull, Anne-Marie Twohie, Barry Weinstein, Del. John Bell, Del. Roxann Robinson, Sen. Ebbin, Sen. Sutterlein, Sen. Dunnivant, Rick Clemons, Shelley Lingamfelter, Sec. Hazel, Sec. Trent, Henry Light

Members on the Phone: Rob Krupicka, Allison Lutton, Gary Thomsen, Monica Matherly

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions and Updates
- Updates on Subcommittee Work
- Presentation of and Discussion of the Results of the Workforce Survey
- Children's Budget Report
- Next Steps and Adjournment

Welcome

Mark Gordon, Chair of the Committee, welcomed everyone and reviewed the meeting agenda. He then introduced Secretary Trent who provided greetings. Secretary Hazel then welcomed the group and spoke about a recent analysis conducted by the Children's Cabinet about the various state funding streams serving children, their complexity and how the Committee should keep that in mind in its work to better leverage those investments.

Updates from Subcommittees

Irene Carney provided an update on the Standards subcommittee, which has met a few times this fall. They will have a draft of the revised standards in early spring for the Committee to adopt.

Gail Johnson provided an update on the Governance subcommittee, which will be meeting on December 8th for the first time. The group is working with a few national consultants to help understand what other states have done in this space, and is bringing in a number of Virginia

individuals who have government and human resource perspectives outside the early childhood sphere.

Finally, Kathy Glazer provided an update on the Finance and Compensation workgroup, as its chair, Jen Giovannitti, was not in attendance. That subcommittee had a preliminary organizational call yesterday, and simply discussed their charge, scope of their work, and schedule and workplan for the coming months.

Additionally, Kathy provided a quick update on the articulation pilot group. The Community Colleges have agreed to a revised standard 2 year degree program that will better transfer into the 4 year programs, and it looks as though Longwood University will be the first to offer a transfer option for these students.

Presentation of and Discussion of the Results of the Workforce Survey

Kyle Snow then walked through the results of the VECF sponsored Workforce Development Survey. His presentation covered the methodology and design of the survey, as well as its limitations; and the preliminary findings. His report on the findings included the findings on qualifications of teachers, around professional development needs; teacher wages and benefits; and teacher turnover and retention. His slides are available online in the dropbox, and the full survey is on the VECF website.

Children's Budget Report

Jim Regimbal and John Morgan presented the results of the 2017 Children's Budget Report, which they did on behalf of VECF. Highlights included:

- Early childhood spending only makes up 2.6% of the total Virginia budget, or approximately \$1.37 billion.
- Medicaid spending makes up approximately 60% of all funding spent on young children.
- Of the remaining 40%, 60% of that is federal funding.

The full report is on VECF's website.

Next Steps

Mark Gordon explained that after the General Assembly session the full Committee will convene again. The subcommittees will continue their work in the interim.