

Meeting of the Early Childhood Education Cabinet
Location – CHEFA, Hartford
September 10, 2007
1:00 – 4:45 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Welcome & Introductions

B. Approval of Minutes for July 30, 2007

[Attachment A]

C. Cabinet/Council Co-Chairs Report [1:15-1:30]

1. Update on Joint Meeting of Chairs Meeting
 - o Cabinet staffing & initial Council staffing in place
 - o RFP for (a) Quality Rating and Improvement System Plan and Quality Rating Scale and (b) Council support to be issued
 - o Council to manage QRIS planning/development work
 - o Council to reconvene in October 2007
 - o Governor's Summit proposed for last week of November
2. Required Cabinet actions are noted below, by agenda item
3. Opportunities for public comment are noted below, by agenda item

D. Carry Forward Item: Building Local Capacity Work Group (1:30-2:00)

1. Update: David Nee, Graustein Memorial Fund
2. Cabinet conversation re grant selection criteria for SFY 08 & SFY 09 funds
3. Public Comment on Building Local Capacity
4. Motions to:
 - o Accept report of Building Local Capacity Working Group
 - o Confirm target date for the release of State SFY 08/09 funds

**E. Health Care Systems/Issues Related to Young Children [Carry Forward]
(2:00 – 2:40)**

1. Paul Dworkin, MD & Judith Meyers, Ph.D. – Health Care Systems Framework
2. Commissioner Michael Starkowski (DSS) – HUSKY Developments & Data
3. Dr. Ardell Wilson [DPH] – Young Children's Oral Health Outcomes & Data
4. Mariette McCourt & Amy Gagliardi [CT Medicaid Managed Care Council] – Health Care Issues re Young Parents
5. Public Comment on Health Care Systems Presentations
6. Cabinet discussion of possible follow up actions

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F. Goal One Infant & Toddler Systems Framework Report [Carry Forward]

[2:50 – 3:30]

1. Presentation of draft Infant/Toddler Systems Framework: Commissioner Michael Starkowski & Peter Palermino (DSS), Elaine Zimmerman, Commission on Children, Barry Goff (Charter Oak)
2. Public Comment on Infant-Toddler Framework Development
3. Cabinet discussion & direction to Working Group in preparation for an October or November adoption of Cabinet *Infant-Toddler Systems Framework*

G. Goal Two K-3 Systems Framework [Carry Forward] [3:30-4:10]

1. Presentation of draft Framework, including proposed RBA indicators: Elaine Zimmerman [Commission on Children], Frances Rabinowitz, (State Department of Education), Bennett Pudlin (Charter Oak)
2. Public Comment on K-3 “Fine by Nine” Systems Framework
3. Cabinet discussion in preparation for October or November adoption of K-3 Framework Report

H. Update on Quality Improvement and Accountability Plans [4:10-4:30]

I. Other Cabinet Items

1. Issues raised by Cabinet members
2. Issues raised by public
3. Consideration of the need for a December Cabinet meeting

J. Adjournment

Preliminary October 15, 2007 Cabinet Agenda Items

- A. Presentation by OWC on Data Systems Development Initiative and other data issues** [Carry forward item, July]
- B. Progress Reports**
- ECE Workforce Plan, due to CGA in December [Carry forward item, July]
 - ECE Facilities Plan, due to CGA in December [New item]
 - Fall 2007 Entry to K Assessment [Carry forward item, June]
 - Phase III Cabinet RBA package development timetable [Carry forward 2007]
- C. Report and recommendations from Goal One ECE Systems Working Group** [Carry forward item, July], including:
- SDE report on SFY 08 Funds Allocation/New Slots
 - Working Group ECERS progress & recommendations for Program Quality Improvement Fund Awards
- D. Cabinet Budget and Funding Report** (Carry forward item, July)
- First quarter School Readiness Program awards & expenditures
 - First quarter expenditure of Cabinet funds
 - Contract/MOU updates
- E. Consultation on proposed criteria for allocation of likely unexpended funds for the SFY 08 School Readiness Program as requested by Commissioner McQuillan** (Carry forward item, July)
- F. Report on legislative meeting related to School Readiness Program potential statutory changes** [New item]
- G. Infant-Toddler Systems Framework** [Carry forward item, September]
- Possible adoption of Framework by Cabinet
 - Status of Local Listening Forums, late October – early November
 - Status of Governor’s Summit on Early Childhood
- H. Goal Two K-3 Systems Framework** [Carry forward item, September]
- Possible adoption of Framework by Cabinet

Calendar of Key Cabinet and Council Dates, SFY 08 and SFY 09

Date	Purpose	Status	Notes
July 9, 2007	Cabinet-Council Chairs mtg	Held	
July 30, 2007	Cabinet mtg	Held	
August 29, 2007	Cabinet-Council Chairs mtg	Held	Notes in progress
September 10, 2007	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
September 24, 2007	Co-Chairs mtg	Scheduled	
October 15, 2007	Cabinet Meeting.	Scheduled	
October 29, 2007	Council Reconvened & Meet	Scheduled	
November 19, 2007	Cabinet mtg	Notification to Cabinet at September meeting	
December 10, 2007	Cabinet-Council Chairs	Scheduled	
December 2007	Additional Cabinet meeting may be needed	Cabinet to consider at September meeting	
January 14, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
January 28, 2008	Council or Chairs	Chairs scheduled	
February 11, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
February 24, 2008	Council or Chairs	Chairs scheduled	
March 10, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
March 24, 2008	Council or Chairs	Chairs scheduled	
April 7, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
April 28, 2008	Council or Chairs	Chairs scheduled	
May 12, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
June 9, 2008	Cabinet mtg	Scheduled	
June 23, 2008	Council or Chairs	Chairs scheduled	

Emerging additional key dates for the Early Childhood Investment Initiative are shown below:

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| ○ Quarterly Cabinet Expenditure Report | October 15, 2007 |
| ○ Cabinet adopts Infant-Toddler Framework | By November 19, 2007 |
| ○ Cabinet adoption of Goal II K-3 Framework | By November 19, 2007 |
| ○ Cabinet transmits Goal I and II items to Council for costing | November 2007 |
| ○ Governor's I/T Local Listening Forums | By early November, 2007 |
| ○ Governor's Summit on Early Childhood I/T | Last week November 2007 |
| ○ CHEFA delivers SRP Facilities Plan to CGA | December 2007 |
| ○ Cabinet delivers ECE Workforce Plan to CGA | December 2007 |
| ○ Council reports to Cabinet on research design progress | December 2007 |
| ○ DSS/SDE MOU on integrated SRP system (CGA) | Fall 2007 |
| ○ Cabinet RBA presentation to Appropriations | February-March 2008 |
| ○ Council reports back to Cabinet on cost modeling | March 2008 |
| ○ Cabinet completes Accountability Plan for CGA | June 2008 |
| ○ Council sends draft Quality Improvement Plan to Cabinet | June 2008 |
| ○ Council completes design of Quality Rating Scale Model | June 2008 |
| ○ Cabinet pilots Quality Rating Scale | Begin July 2008 |
| ○ Child Tracking study begins (CGA) | Begin July 2008 |
| ○ Short Term ROI study begins (Exec Order #13) | Begin July 2008 |
| ○ Cabinet report due to CGA on Accountability Plan | December 2008 |
| ○ Cabinet report due to CGA on Quality Improvement Plan | December 2008 |
| ○ Cabinet reports to CGA on Data Interoperability | December 2008 |