

Early Childhood Education Cabinet  
Standing Committee on Accountability  
Notes from April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting Ad Hoc Meeting

Two Cabinet members (Janice Gruendel and Kathleen Guay – for Secretary Genuario) volunteered to serve on this ad hoc assignment. Gruendel and Guay met on April 30<sup>th</sup> along with Office of the Cabinet staff Jessica Andrews and RBA technical consultant Bennett Pudlin.

Purpose of the Standing Committee on Accountability

The *Standing Committee on Accountability* is responsible for:

- Guiding development and annual submittal of the Cabinet's legislatively-mandated *Accountability Plan* and tracking its implementation
- Guiding data development work
- Linking formally with the Early Childhood Research Network, and
- Serving as the reporting structure for implementation of the Cabinet's quality improvement mandates, including the use of quality improvement resources allocated to the Cabinet.

Structure of the Standing Committee:

The *Standing Committee on Accountability* will operate as follows:

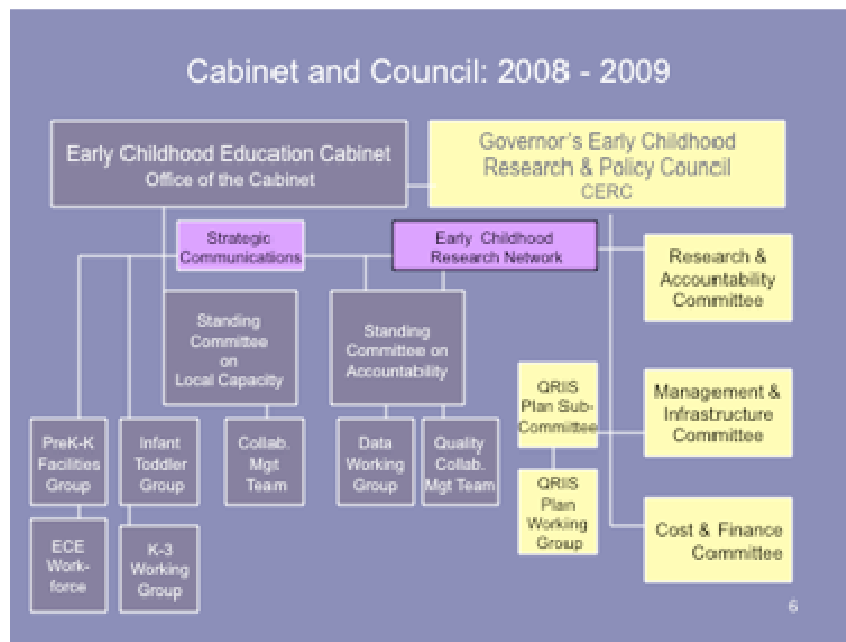
- As a committee of the whole in development of the Accountability Plan -- required under Section 10-16s (d) (1) -- and due in December 2008
- With two formal working groups (Data Matters & Quality Improvement) that will make recommendations to the Standing Committee
- With an explicit connection to the Early Childhood Research Network as it is established.

Proposed Cabinet Co-Chairs

- Janice Gruendel
- Kathleen Guay

Proposed Membership

- A third Cabinet member
- A member from the Data Matters Working Group
- A member from the QRIS Collective Management Team
- A parent representative
- Representative named by the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission
- Representative named by the African American Affairs Commission
- Representative from the business sector
- Representative from the research network



The Ad Hoc group recommends discussion as to whether the Departments of Public Health, Social Services and Education wish to be specifically represented on the Standing Committee. We would anticipate that each of these agencies (and many others) will (or are already) participating in the Data Matters Working Group, the evolving Early Childhood Research Network, and the Quality efforts of the Cabinet and Council.