



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

Cabinet Members Present: Co-Chair Anne Foley; Co-Chair Luis Perez; Alyssa Goduti; Amos Smith; Commissioner Amy Porter; Anne Ruwet; Barry Simon; Commissioner Betsy Ritter; Bill Hass; David Stevenson; Josie Robles; Jim Maloney; Kathleen Stauffer; Maureen Price-Boreland; Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon; Rick Porth; and Bob Dakers

Designees: Dimple Desai for Commissioner Evonne Klein; Brian Hill for Stephen Grant; Cheryl Cepelak for Commissioner Scott Semple; Ann Simeone for Kathleen Brennan; Yvonne Addo for Commissioner Raul Pino; Deb Ennis for Commissioner Katz; and Jordan Scheff for Commissioner Morna Murray

Absent: Roberta Cook; and Linda Goodman

Other Participants: Tyler Kleykamp OPM; CTData Academy: Rachel Leventhal-Weiner; and Michelle Riordan-Nold

Welcome and Introductions: Co-Chair Anne Foley called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. She introduced Alyssa Goduti, President & CEO of the CT Council of Family Service Agencies and Barry Simons, President & CEO of Oak Hill as new members to the Cabinet. Both stated that they were glad to be part of the Cabinet.

Public Comment: Co-Chair Perez opened the floor for open comment; No public comments.

Approval of Minutes of 6/15/16 Cabinet Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Porter and seconded by Deborah Ennis to approve the June 15, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Governor Malloy's Remarks: Governor Dannel P. Malloy joined the meeting to express appreciation to the members for their work on the Cabinet and thanked them for serving. The Governor noted that the Cabinet has been of great value to his administration. The Governor acknowledged that the Cabinet's input is an important part of developing and executing public

policy for the state. The Governor also spoke about streamlining the process through which the nonprofit organizations receive state contracts. He mentioned that a perfect situation would be to work towards a single contract mechanism for all services provided across state agencies. The Governor referenced the \$70 million distributed to nonprofit organizations to help with much needed capital projects.

Lastly, the Governor indicated that the state is facing a new set of challenges in the coming months as new leadership takes over several federal agencies. The Governor noted that Connecticut will continue to provide the best level of care and services for our most needy residents.

Outcome of Meeting with Governor Malloy: Co-chair Foley provided an overview of the meeting with Governor Malloy to review the Cabinet's 2016 Report. The Co-chairs met in late summer with the Governor and the discussion points are listed below:

- a. Nonprofit Grant Program (NGP). The Governor supported issuing a NGP Request For Applications (RFA) in the Fall of 2016. Co-Chair Foley noted that the Governor strongly supports this recommendation and agrees that continued authorization of funding is needed. She also noted that the last RFA round was released in November 2016 and included slightly over \$300,000 from the balance of the Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program. The NGP applications are due in January 2016.
- b. CTData Academy. The Governor supported the concept of the CTData Academy and the state agencies are fully engaged with CTData Academy. Co-chair Foley noted that representatives from OPM and the CTData Academy will make a presentation later in the meeting.
- c. Board of Regents for Higher Education. The Governor supported the recommendation to explore approaches for nonprofit organizations to partner with the community colleges to enhance educational opportunities for the nonprofit workforce. The co-chairs and others will meet with the Board of Regents to determine how to move further on this recommendation.
- d. Rate Setting Office. The Governor supported additional work to pursue the feasibility of establishing a rate setting office. The Cabinet needs to flesh out this recommendation before it is sent back to the Governor.

One recommendation that the Governor did not support is the recommendation to establish a Nonprofit Human Services Investment Fund similar to the proposed transportation lockbox. Co-chair Foley noted that the transportation lockbox is a source of revenue and the Human Services Investment Fund would be a source of expenditure.

CTData Academy Presentation: Co-Chair Perez introduced Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Data Engagement Specialist, Michelle Riordan-Nold, Executive Director of CTData Collaborative and Tyler Kleykamp, OPM to provide an overview of the work of the Academy. The mission of the CTData Academy is to increase data literacy, build data capacity and enable all to use data effectively. The presentation can be found at: https://prezi.com/vx1uxdepiifj/governors-cabinet-ct-data-update/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

After a discussion regarding Partnership Opportunities with the Cabinet a motion was made by Anne Ruwet and seconded to submit a letter of support to the CTData Academy as they search for funding opportunities. The motion was approved on a voice vote with one abstention by Amos Smith. CTData Academy will submit a sample letter of support. CTData asked that representatives from the Cabinet consider serving on CTData Academy's advisory committee.

Brian Hill thanked the Data Collaboration presenters and noted that CTData Academy's idea was the foundation for the Best Practices Work Group recommendation related to working with the State's Open Data Portal.

Cabinet Activities: Co-chair Foley noted that Commissioner Porter and Bill Hass have agreed to coordinate the Cabinet's efforts to review past recommendations of the Cabinet to determine whether and how the recommendations have been implemented, prioritizing them and developing a plan to move forward on implementation of those that haven't been implemented. Commissioner Porter and Bill Hass presented and engaged members in a discussion relating to past recommendations. The presentation can be found at:

[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Nonprofit Cabinet Recommendations 1.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Nonprofit%20Cabinet%20Recommendations%201.pdf)

The list of Nonprofit Cabinet's Past Recommendation can be found at:

[http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Recommendations by Work Groups.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/Recommendations%20by%20Work%20Groups.pdf)

Results of the discussion following the presentation include:

- Members to assist in providing information on recommendations with missing status
- Consider using a numerical ranking of recommendations to prioritize recommendations
- Address overlapping recommendations
- Determine how to narrow the 62 recommendations for the survey
- Determine if the recommendations are still relevant
- Determine how ready the Cabinet is to implement the recommendations
- Co-chairs of each work group to work with its members to consolidate recommendations and to determine top 3 to 5 recommendations based on pre-defined criteria such as: cost, feasibility, level of impact - based on the survey criteria, and relevance
- Consider dot mechanism to further prioritize recommendations
- Organize the implementation plan based on a strategic planning model
- The draft implementation plan will be presented at the March Meeting

Other business:

No other business indicated.

Next Steps: The next meeting will held on Tuesday, March 14th.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: Pamela Trotman, Office of Policy and Management