



MINUTES

Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

May 18, 2020

Call-in Meeting

Members:

- Timothy Colahan
- Caroline Cruz (not present 9-10am)
- Robin Donart
- Alan Linhares
- Jessica Lloyd Rogers
- Charlie McNeely
- Tracy Powell

Guests: Rebecca Jones Gaston, Leola McKenzie

Staff: Kali Scolnick

Time	Task	Notes
9:00	<p>Logistics</p> <p>Robin and Alan discussed logistics for the phone call meeting.</p>	
9:15	<p>March Meeting Minutes Postponed until next meeting</p>	
9:30	<p>New member recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica spoke with Don Darland who is interested and willing • A judicial position would need to be appointed by the Chief Justice 	
10:00	<p>Legislative Concept</p> <p>Maintaining bill as written for last session; no need for updates</p> <p>Needs to be sent out and we will work to approve via email</p>	
10:15	<p>CWAC discussion</p> <p>Voted to form sub committee with Alan, Leola, Jessica, Kali, Tracy expressing interest in participating</p> <p>It was suggested the Pamula Heisler may be interested, too</p> <p>Rebecca identified from the CWAC perspective:</p> <p>It's similar to GFCAC with stops and starts with changes in leadership</p>	

	<p>Would like to try for it to be more advisory than a report-out meeting</p> <p>Looking into how to turn it into working meetings</p>	
10:35	<p>Short-term focus areas, particularly related to COVID-19 (identified gaps in DHS response):</p> <p>Foster parents need mental health support</p> <p>Need assistance preparing to deal with stressors; provide with child abuse prevention information</p> <p>Birth and foster parent partnerships</p> <p>Financial support</p> <p>Fast tracking respite providers</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid training</p> <p>DHS paying for app subscriptions for education and/or mindfulness exercises</p>	
11:00 adjourn		