

Cross-Agency Child Council

SEMIANNUAL MEETING NOTES



November 4, 2021

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, EST

Attendees

Guests:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Adams	Susan	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Betancur Santamaria	Catalina	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Family Ambassador
Binderman	Mindy	Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)
Bolton-Gary	Cynthia	University System of Georgia
Dooley	Caitlin	Georgia Department of Education
Fener-Sitkoff	Erica	Voices for Georgia's Children
Hutchins	Tre'	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Family Ambassador
Ivy	Catherine	Georgia Department of Community Health
Kasfir	Elisabetta	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Mousinho	Colleen	Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services
Osmani	LaToya	Georgia Department of Public Health
Ponder	Bentley	Department of Early Care and Learning
Setterlind	Allison	Georgia Head Start
Stevens	Pam	Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Tiegreen	Wendy	Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Turner	Kimberly	Governor's Office for Student Achievement
Williams	Miranda	Office of the Governor

Carl Vinson Institute of Government Facilitators: David Tanner, Beverly Johnson, Melinda Moore, Theresa Wright, Michael Moryc, Jennifer Inglett-Hendershot, Danielle Augustine, Hong Zeng

Resultant Staff: Amy Smigielski, Senior Consultant

DECAL Staff: Susan Adams, Deputy Commissioner of Pre-K and Instructional Supports; Bentley Ponder, Deputy Commissioner of Quality Innovations and Partnerships; Clayton Bassett, Preschool Development Grant Director; Courtney Woullard, Preschool Development Grant Coordinator

Minutes

On November 4, 2021, the Cross-Agency Child Council (CACC) for the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five (PDG B-5), facilitated by Carl Vinson Institute of Government staff was called to order at 1:00 pm by Deputy Commissioner Susan Adams.

The meeting began with updates given by Deputy Commissioners Bentley Ponder and Elisabetta Kasfir with the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), Carmen Calloway with the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), and Caitlin Dooley with the Department of Education (DOE). Then, Deputy Commissioner Susan Adams gave an overview of PDG B-5 updates and linkages to the Children's Cabinet presentation.

David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (Institute of Government) introduced the Cross-Agency Child Data System (CACDS) as a critical project for the CACC.

Deputy Commissioner Ponder, Laura Wagner with DECAL, and Amy Smigielski presented about Georgia's CACDS. Deputy Commissioner Ponder reviewed the alignment of CACDS with PDG B-5 goals. Ms. Wagner reviewed participating programs with CACDS. Ms. Smigielski shared the CACDS research agenda and identified potentially relevant projects.

Mr. Tanner then facilitated the feedback discussion regarding the localized data and visualization strategies using the digital platform Mural.

Sean Mack with the Department of Public Health presented on Georgia's Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program.

Director of the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) program at the Department of Early Care and Learning, Laura Lucas, presented about the IECMH task force.

Deputy Commissioner Adams and Dr. Melinda Moore then thanked the Council members for their insights and time discussing feedback for the PDG B-5 and goal areas for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.