

People First Initiative Parent/Foster-Parent Collaborative Council Meeting  
 March 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted in-person at the Governor’s Office located in Fairbanks, Anchorage and by Zoom.

1. Call to Order: 2:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Chairwoman Toovak, Vice Chair Gonzales, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Owsley-Foster, Ms. Redmon, Ms. Smith, Ms. Butler, Mr. Rentzel, Ms. Guay, Ms. Schimanski-Lee, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Noel, and Ms. Richardson.
3. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – Ms. Johnson; Seconded by Mr. Rentzel
    - 13 ayes and 0 nays, **motion passed.**
4. Approval of minutes
  - a. First meeting, no prior minutes
5. New business:
  - a. Introductions - Committee members took turns introducing themselves and listing the priorities they would like to see the committee address.
  - b. Reviewed mission of the committee.
  - c. Discussion ensues on length of committee meeting and time of meeting. Meetings will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from noon to 2:00 p.m.
6. Council members had an open discussion on what subcommittees they wanted to establish and how many members each should have:
  - a. Motion made that subcommittees would have no more than 9 people by Ms. Butler and seconded by Ms. Redmon:
    - 13 ayes and 0 nays, **Motion passed.**
    - Subcommittees can make suggestions of the short, midterm and long-term goals after they have met and bring a report back to the full committee at the next schedule time.

Subcommittees	Chairs/council members
Disproportionality	Ms. Johnson (Chair), Chairwoman Toovak, Ms. Butler
Reunification	Ms. Schimanski-Lee (Chair), Ms. Owsley, Ms. Redmon
Mental Health	Ms. Smith (Chair), Ms. Butler, Ms. Spencer
Case Workers	Ms. Noel (Chair), Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Schimanski-Lee
Youth	Ms. Redmon (Chair), Ms. Richardson, Vice Chair Gonzales
Foster Parent	Mr. Rentzel (Chair), Ms. Richardson, Ms. Redmon, Ms. Owsley

7. Public comment – Limited to 3 minutes per individual comments

- ACRF – Rachel Hanft – family support specialty for AK center for resource families. Interested in supporting this council in any way I can. Thank you all for stepping up for the work that you are doing. Would love it if you could share your email in the comments. If you have a moment. [rhanft@nwresource.org](mailto:rhanft@nwresource.org)
- Frances Andrews AKNWRC – want to thank you. Wants to list email and would like to join any one of the subcommittees. [Frances.andrews@aknwrc.org](mailto:Frances.andrews@aknwrc.org)
- Andrea Boeshart – would love to volunteer for the foster parent support subcommittee [akboeshart@gmail.com](mailto:akboeshart@gmail.com)
- Beth Fread – Gee, I would love to serve on committees since no other public is in here. [beth@bethsvalleyviews.com](mailto:beth@bethsvalleyviews.com)

8. Task Force comments:

- a. None

9. Next Meeting Date:

- a. April 22, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Invite to be sent out via zoom link
  - Meeting to be conducted both in-person and zoom.

10. Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.