

# **Child Well-Being Transformation Council**

## **Meeting Notes 10/29/18**

### **Attendees**

Sen. Tamara Barringer, co-chair

Rep. Sarah Stevens, co-chair

Kiernan McGorty, Program Evaluation Division, NCGA

Caroline Daly, Office of Rep. Stevens

Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government

Margaret Henderson, UNC School of Government

Aimee Wall, UNC School of Government

### **Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of this initial meeting was to begin planning for the first full meeting of the appointed members of the Child Well-Being Transformation Council (Children's Council or Council).

### **Discussion Topics**

- **Legislation**
  - The Children's Council was initially established in S.L. 2017-41. That legislation was repealed and new legislation was subsequently adopted (S.L. 2018-5, Sec. 24.1 (a)-(k)).
  - The revised legislation sets forth specific duties for the Council.
- **Membership**
  - The Council will have 25 members in total.
  - Six members have been appointed by the Senate Leadership.
  - Five of six members have been appointed by the House Leadership.
  - The remaining members are to be appointed by the Governor and are expected soon.
- **First Meeting**
  - The first in-person meeting will be held in Raleigh.
  - The co-chairs would like to hold that first meeting during early December.
  - The UNC School of Government (SOG) will work with the co-chairs and staff to identify a date and will communicate it to the membership.
- **Staff Support**
  - The Legislative Services Commission is required to assign staff to support the Council. Paul Coble, the Legislative Services Officer, assigned responsibility to the Program Evaluation Division (PED). John Turcotte is the Division Director and Kiernan McGorty is General Counsel with the Division. Ms. McGorty will be taking the lead on coordinating staff support for the Council until staff is hired.
  - PED plans to hire two staff positions to assist the Council: a Council Coordinator with "recognized expertise in matters related to children's welfare to support the work of the Council" as required by legislation and a Council Assistant who will serve as administrative support to the Council Coordinator.

- PED has drafted position descriptions. After the co-chairs have approved them, PED will post and advertise them. PED staff will do the initial screening of applicants and the first round of interviews. Once PED has narrowed the field of candidates, the co-chairs and Paul Coble will be invited to participate in the final round of interviews. The hiring process typically takes approximately two months.
  - The UNC SOG is required to
    - convene and host the first four meetings of the Council;
    - facilitate the work of the Council during those first meetings;
    - provide necessary clerical and administrative support for those meetings in collaboration with PED;
    - conduct research and provide technical assistance, as appropriate; and
    - assist with the preparation of the first report.
  - The co-chairs agreed that UNC SOG's role will be limited to helping the Council convene the initial meetings, providing staff support for those meetings, and helping the new PED staff as they assume responsibility for the Council's work.
- **Next Steps**
    - UNC SOG will identify a date for the first meeting and work with PED to identify a space for the meeting. UNC SOG will communicate with members about the date.
    - The co-chairs, Paul Coble, and PED will meet to discuss the agenda for the first meeting and the plans for the Council's first year.
    - Once an agenda is set, UNC SOG will work with PED to invite speakers and develop any necessary materials for the meeting.