

Meeting Minutes

Parent/Caregiver Advisory Cabinet (PCAC)

Saturday, September 27, 2025 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Location:

Mariposa Learning Center, 4870 Brassica Rd., Fitchburg, WI

Agenda

Welcome, Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting will be called to order and introductions made with new members.

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Connection Activity & Approval of Minutes:

The cabinet will participate in a connection activity and will review and approve meeting minutes from the May 31, 2025 meeting.

- The cabinet participated in a connection activity about communication and approved the meeting minutes from May 31, 2025 at 10:45 AM.

State Updates

The DCF Secretary will share recent updates with the cabinet.

- Secretary Pertl shared reflections about federal and state updates, economic shifts over time and the effects on child care, and provided details about the state's recent biennial budget updates.

Past, Present & Future

The cabinet will highlight accomplishments and celebrations for 2024, ongoing activities in 2025, and preview goals for 2026.

- Cabinet members discussed recent accomplishments and discussed proposed goals and activities for 2026 that will be finalized for approval at the December meeting.

Lunch

Policy Updates

DCF will share recent updates and activities about specific policy topics.

- DCF shared updates and activities related to how the agency has utilized parent and caregiver input to improve child care quality.

Communications

Cabinet members will review and share feedback on existing communications materials related to DCF programs and policies.

- Cabinet members reviewed several existing resources related to Wisconsin Shares, YoungStar, and Child Care Finder and provided suggestions and considerations for improvement.

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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