

**CHINS Task Force**  
**Steering Committee**

March 7, 2006 Meeting - Notes

**Attendees:** Mia Alvarado, Pat Cone, Susan Dillard, Rep. Paul Donato, Maureen Ferris, Peter Forbes, Renie Herman, Robert Kinscherff, Lisa Lambert, Fran Lefemine, Ernestina Mendes, Mary Anne Padien, Dan Pascantilli, Steve Siciliano, Commissioner Harry Spence, Senator Karen Spilka, Mary Lou Sudders, Bob Turillo, Jill VandenBosch, Pat Walsh

➤ **Steering Committee**

⇒ **Membership updates and additions**

- Mary Lou Sudders (Children's League),  
Bob Turillo (DYS), Renie Herman (DSS)
- Proposed additions and outreach
  - Education: Carla Yates, Association of SPED Directors - Pat Cone
  - Education: Sylvia Smith, DOE - KES
  - Substance Abuse: Jim LaPraud - Robert
  - Medicaid: Michael Norton and Lianne Jacobs - Robert
  - Youth: 2, possible from DSS advisory board - Mia
- Others
  - Private Attorney: Carol Fernandez - Susan Dillard
  - Judge: Judge Blitzman - Pat Cone

➤ **CHINS Data Collection Budget Requests**

- Data subcommittee will be responsible for working out the details including: what data, how, where, etc.
- Staff will change reporting language in budget request to reflect the collaborative work of the CHINS Task Force
- Staff will send language supporting budget request to advocates for Ways & Means hearing

➤ **Timeline and Strategic Plan**

- **Mission Statement** - committee brainstormed, staff will put together proposed statement and send it to committee for feed back
- **Strategic Plan** - Senator Spilka presented strategic planning pyramid (please see attached diagram)
- **Timeline** - Senator Spilka presented outline of a proposed timeline, committee brainstormed and filled in some additional dates/goals (see attached timeline)

- **Subcommittees** - Senator reviewed scope of work and membership of each committee, encouraged continued outreach for additional subcommittee members, introduced Chairs
  - **Data Collection** - Chair Sen. Karen Spilka
  - **Front End** - Chair Robert Kinscherff
  - **Court Process** - Co-Chairs Commissioner Harry Spence and Pat Cone
  - **Research**
    - Statutes - Chair Susan Dillard
    - Best Practices - Chair Maureen Ferris