

## **Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Virtual Meeting**

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board conducted a **special meeting April 1, 2016** at 9:30 a.m. with 78 participants.

Participating: Amanda Adkins, Valdenia Winn, Shannon Cotsoradis, LeEtta Felter, Terrie Huntington, Karla Wiscombe, (KBOR), Rachel Sisson, (KDHE), Colleen Riley, (KSDE), and Sandra Kimmons, (DCF) ; Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith, Amy Blosser, and Dyogga Adegbore

Evaluator/University Partners: Jackie Counts, Margaret Brumberg, Gina Stadler-Byrd, KU CPPR, Lynn Schrepferman, Tara Gregory, Cassandra LeBrun-Martin, Jung Sim Jun, and Sydne McCluskey, WSU CCSR.

### **Legislative Proviso in SB 161 on TANF and Funding Parents As Teachers**

Janice Smith, Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. She next introduced Colleen Riley, Director of Early Childhood Services, KSDE, who would be presenting a power point on incorporation of TANF dollars into Parents as Teachers for 2017 in response to a legislative proviso in SB 161. Colleen introduced two of her team members: Dean Zajic, State and Federal Fiscal Coordinator and Ryan Weir, Public Service Executive. Ms. Riley talked about the vision, mission and values of the Parents As Teachers program. There are 62,166 families with children birth through 36 months in Kansas and 8,771 families were served in 2015 by PAT. There are 84.3% of Kansas families with children birth through 36 months that are living in a district that currently offers PAT and 16.3% of those families PAT is able to serve with current funding levels. It costs \$69,439,422 to serve all Kansas families with children birth through 36 months. There is the option for eligibility and grandfathering existing families. The recommended funding Means Tested Eligibility for TANF PAT costs \$6,237,635 TANF CIF. Kansas leaves \$10 million dollars in unspent TANF each year. The Cabinet recommended tapping into those dollars. The Cabinet board also agreed to make a recommendation to be submitted to the Governor and the Division of the Budget by April 15, 2016 with implementation taking place July 1, 2016.

The Cabinet supported the idea of the Legislature considering a new proviso to replace the existing one. The existing proviso stipulates that services provided with TANF dollars had to serve families whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level. The Cabinet had concerns from practitioners that the financial requirement to use TANF funds under this stipulation will cause a disruption of services, thus causing families currently in the program to have services terminated on July 1, 2016. The Cabinet talked about a more targeted approach to services such as led by USDs. The Cabinet agreed that KSDE had done a wonderful job of preparing this information.

### **MOTION:**

It was moved by LeEtta Felter and seconded by Terrie Huntington: That Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board adopt Kansas State Department of Education's report received during the meeting, to be sent to the Kansas Governor and to the Division of the Budget. The Kansas Children's Cabinet Board recommended:

- Legislature rescind proviso in SB 161, however, if not removed, the Kansas Children's Cabinet recommends moving forward with the acceptance of the TANF funding option for Means Testing Eligibility (using \$6.2 million dollars of TANF and \$1 million dollars of CIF dollars),
- Kansas Children's Cabinet will explore how to obtain additional TANF money to support Parents As Teachers; KSDE to advise on the amount, and
- Kansas Children's Cabinet will education Kansas Legislature about the universal option for Parents As Teachers. Vote 5-0: Adkins, Cotsoradis, Felter, Huntington, Winn in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Friday, April 22, 2016, 9:30 a.m. and held at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Topeka.

## Incorporation of TANF into Parents as Teachers 2016-17

	Means Tested Eligibility for TANF PAT	Universal Eligibility for TANF PAT
<b>Suggested Action by Children's Cabinet</b>	None. Proviso in SB 161 restricts TANF funded services to families at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Make recommendation to legislature to rescind proviso in SB 161.</li> <li>◦ PAT will meet TANF Purpose #4: Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families (may benefit all families).</li> </ul>
<b>TANF Eligibility</b>	Only families at 200% (FPL) eligible.	All families may be served with TANF dollars.
<b>PAT Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ District must establish and collect appropriate income/asset documentation for eligibility for TANF for each family no less than annually.</li> <li>◦ Establish categorical eligibility requirements in cooperation with DCF TANF eligibility personnel in order to expedite the process for families and reduce administrative burden to the programs.</li> <li>◦ Families that are not TANF eligible may only be served with non-TANF dollars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ All families are eligible for services.</li> <li>◦ School districts may prioritize based upon family risk factors.</li> </ul>
<b>Grandfathered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ To the extent state and local funding allows, currently enrolled families remain in the program until exit at 36 months.</li> <li>◦ TANF funding will be utilized for those families that are eligible. Others will be funded with state or local funds.</li> <li>◦ Recommendation to include \$1,000,000 in state Kansas Endowment for Youth (KEY) funds to support families in the 2017 transition year.</li> </ul>	NA
<b>Referrals</b>	KSDE and KPATA works with DCF, KDHE, Children's Cabinet, and other state agency personnel to assist in building collaborative relationships with other programs such as WIC, child care assistance, KanCare, etc. for referral and categorical eligibility	KSDE works with DCF, KDHE and other state agency personnel to assist in building collaborative relationships with other programs such as WIC, child care assistance, KanCare, etc. for referral and categorical eligibility
<b>Administrative Costs<sup>1</sup></b>	No indirect or administrative costs will be paid out of TANF funds at the state or local level.	No indirect or administrative costs will be paid out of TANF funds at the state or local level.
<b>Suggested Cabinet Funding for PAT<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ \$6,237,635 TANF CIF</li> <li>◦ \$1,00,000 Non-TANF MOE KEY CIF<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	\$7,237,635 TANF CIF

<sup>1</sup> All administrative costs, including indirect costs will be paid out of non-TANF funds at both the state and local level. No portion of CIF funds shall be reserved for indirect or administrative costs.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated total actual PAT cost to serve all Kansas families from prenatal through 36 months is \$69,439,422. The estimated total cost to families at or below 200% FPL is \$34,566,682.

<sup>3</sup> Reduced in response to the temporary reduction of Kansas Endowment for Youth funding to Children's Initiative Fund necessitated by state budget shortfall.