

Minutes of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board met in regular session 9:30 a.m., **August 12, 2016**, with Amanda Adkins, Cabinet Chair presiding. There was a quorum. Notice of the meeting was published in the Kansas Register.

Present: Amanda Adkins, Terri Huntington, LeEtta Felter, Shari Weber, Annie McKay, Valdenia Winn, Sierra Scott, Karla Wiscombe (KBOR Designee), Karen Beckerman, (DCF Designee), Randy Bowman (DofC/JJA Designee) and Amy Raymond (Supreme Court Designee),
Cabinet Staff: Janice Smith, Amy Blosser, and Dyogga Adegboire

Cabinet Evaluators/University Partners:

WSU Center for Applied Research and Evaluation: Lynn Schrepferman and Tara Gregory and
KU Center for Public Partnerships & Research: Jackie Counts, Jessica Sprague-Jones, Margaret Brumberg

Approval of Minutes

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins asked if there were corrections to the minutes of April 22, 2016. Hearing none, Cabinet Chair Adkins said the minutes were adopted, as written.

There were introductions by the Children's Cabinet board members and from the audience.

Introductory Remarks from the Chair

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins asked the board members and audience for a moment of silence for State Representative Scott Schwab (Olathe) and his family. His son lost his life in a tragic accident recently in Kansas City. Amanda then went on to say when difficult things happen, it puts a lot of things in life in perspective for her. She said she counts her blessings, one of which she appreciates everyone in the room and is proud of the work that they do in Kansas. She commented she appreciates efficiencies and progress made by programs that demonstrate success. We have tracked communities that do good work and leverage public/private investment and capacity issues.

Early Childhood Partnership Development

Chair Adkins reported on the early childhood investment work going on in Wyandotte County. Business leaders and investors are involved in the work. They identified the gaps in Wyandotte County which include: supply and demand, program deficiencies in early learning, and continued health. Approximately 39 percent of kids in poverty are also in the bottom quartile in reading proficiency. There are not enough slots for early learning, home visiting, etc. in that community. Business leaders want to focus on future workforces. Amanda reported there is an investor, who cannot be revealed yet, who wants to make a sizable investment into the Wyandotte County community. An additional 1-2 investors as anchors will be sought. Amanda and Janice met with the Governor and his early childhood group and the Governor has expressed his commitment to this community. The estimated needs 5-10 early learning centers to meet demand of 1,000 kids. The workgroup will recommend to the Kansas City, Kansas Mayor to include a center on the Healthy Campus – consider it the first of five anchors.

Valdenia Winn remarked it should be pointed out that the group visited with the Turner-Kansas City school districts about how funds flow into those communities. Amanda commented that many people want to work with the Children's Cabinet in helping this community. There is \$1.5 million dollars in aggregate. Cerner and First Hand Foundation will continue their discussions.

Early Childhood Block Grant A(ECBG) Live Phase Evaluation – myIGIDI Presentation

Dr. Lynn Schrepferman, Senior Research Scientist, Wichita State University, talked about common measures initiatives for the Kansas Early Childhood Block Grantees. The common measures were selected to most accurately document child, family and classroom outcomes for the widest range of grantee programs. The CMI shows information that reliable and valid, sensitive to change, measures previously used, normed developmental measures, measures which inform programs, schools and educators. Of the 10,022 children screened, there were identified 53 percent being boys, 58 percent of children reported have one or more identified risk factors, 4 percent of the children were not covered by health insurance and 18 percent were participating in Part B or Part C Early Intervention Services. The average age of children was 46 months with a range of 0.2 to 84 months and 24 percent are Hispanic/Latin/Spanish Origin. Dr. Schrepferman reported on the CM data. The data is collected using various screening tools: Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd Edition (ASQ-3); Ages Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE), Individual Growth and Development Indicators (IGDIs), Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), Home Observation for the Measurement of the Environment (HOME) Inventory, Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale (KIPS), and Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA). Overall the children enrolled in the ECBG programs are meeting benchmarks than those children not in the programs. The KIPs and Poverty screening indicating that 82 percent of the parents enrolled displayed positive parenting at post-assessment, under the CLASS, 77 percent of toddlers were involved in high quality classrooms with 67 percent of Pre-K children enrolled in high quality classrooms.. There were 88 percent of the children enrolled shown to meet benchmarks under the ASQ:SE. Sierra mentioned that the Annie Casey Report would be a another good source of data. Board members were familiar with the report. Amanda asked Janice and CPPR staff if they could pull comparative information on kindergarten readiness in the country and do a collaborative study with three other states. Janice replied we do not have data from other states because we are actually the leader in this area. Other states are starting the common measures initiatives and asked us for the mechanics. Terrie Huntington remarked the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) has an initiative called the Early Learning Fellow which looks at this same early childhood information in Kansas and documents how early childhood is handled in the 50 states.

Kansas BRFSS Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Module

Lori Haskett, Director, Injury Prevention and Disability Programs, Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health & Environment talked about ACEs among Kansas adults. She presented data from Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) showing an assessment on the relationship between ACE and Health Outcomes in Kansas and provided a summary of results for Kansas. Public Health implications show Kansas data highlighted need to increase awareness of ACEs as a public health issue. ACE prevention may also have beneficial effects on long-term health of Kansas. Collaboration between state wide partners will be required to address this complex issue. Lori presented charts, provided by KCSL, on how Kansas compared to the National study.

Accountability Process Overview and Updates

Dr. Jessica Sprague-Jones, Associate Researcher, The University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships & Research reported on the 2016 Annual Investment Impact Report (AIIR). The CIF team conducts comprehensive review of all CIF programs, compiles surveys, conducted interviews of CIF program managers in June and met with state and community leaders. The report provides the same framework as the former CIF Briefing Binder, however, it provides context with an additional historical component, communicates programs' unique contributions, focuses on continuous quality improvement for grantees, and also provides big picture impact of CIF on Kansas children, families and communities.

IRIS Overview and Updates

Deborah Richardson, Ph.D., Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visitor Manager, Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health & Environment and Jared Barton, Associate Researcher, The University of Kansas Center for Public Partnership & Research presented an overview and update about Integrated Referral and Intake System, a software tool solution for community service which connects families to services and fostering collaborative, coordinate services within a community. Partner organizations within a community can better coordinate service referrals and helps identify basic demographic, risk and assessment information about a potential client wishing to access early childhood/maternal and child health services within a community. Dr. Richardson talked about the history of the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. It is a federally funded program which KDHE is the Kansas lead agency for. The funds support evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk pregnant women. Currently five counties are served in SE Kansas and in Wyandotte County.

Legislative Update

Janice Smith, Executive Director, gave an legislative update. Although the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund was approved to receive \$49.2 million in funding for CIF programs for FY 2017, which included approval of \$37.9 million of CIF funds and \$11.3 million of TANF funds for programs, State budget shortfalls resulted in two funding reductions during the legislative session.

During the month of May, \$3.3 million was allotted from the CIF, reducing funding for some programs by 14 percent. In June, another \$680,000 was made from the Kansas Reading Success program. In coming up with the FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets, the Cabinet has been asked to reduce funding by 5 percent of Cabinet budget line items. Changes in funding recommendations between individual programs from the Cabinet are welcomed, but the Budget office has indicated any increases or new investments must be offset by decreases in other areas.

Janice reported in January 2016, Governor's Budget proposal recommended sweeping \$50.5 million balance of CIF into the State General Fund and funding early care and education programs using SGF dollars. The Legislature rejected that sweep. In February, the Kansas Senate introduced legislation entirely eliminating CIF and KEY Fund.

Senate Bill 463 repealed state statutes that direct tobacco settlement funds to early care and education programs. This legislation did not advance out of committee. Around April, Governor proposed securitizing or selling off a portion of tobacco settlement dollars in exchange for one-time revenue. This action would have required amending statutes regarding the CIF and the KEY Fund. The Legislature rejected this proposal. Janice added that although as a government entity, the Children's Cabinet cannot lobby state government by taking a specific position for or against any policy proposal. However, the Children's Cabinet members can educate policy makers on the value of our programs.

Budget Discussion

Janice Smith distributed a flow chart on CIF programs. She explained the Division of the Budget directive to submit a 5 percent reduced budget and discussed adding a second budget referenced as a Restoration budget. A chart was provided to Cabinet members with the following line items:

- Recommendations submitted to the Governor in fall 2015 based upon previous year's budgets. It totaled \$49,203,314. The total MSA receipts was \$59,124,916.
- CIF transfers to SGF from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016 (does not include KEY Fund Sweeps). That total was \$14,690,067.
- FY 2017 Actual July 1, 2016 award of \$34,513,247.
- FY 2018/2019 Division of the Budget Directive cut of 5 percent. August 15, 2016: Cut \$833,181 from Cabinet budget line items only which include Autism Diagnosis, Child Care Quality Initiative and the Early Childhood Block Grant. The balance become \$33,684,215.

Cabinet members commented:

- Annie McKay said the \$14.6 million is on top of sweeps which amounted to \$24 million dollars.
- LeEtta Felter recommended the Cabinet present the Restoration budget to the Division of the Budget.
- Annie McKay suggested the Board request the full Master Settlement Amount of \$59,124,916 based on statute directive.
- Janice said Legislative makers decided in the spring on how TANF gets used. Janice commented that programs funded with CIF are high quality programs.
- Terrie Huntington, if we submit two budgets, could restorative budget include the \$10 million extra? Janice said yes.
- Chair Adkins said when she and Janice met with the Governor, they said they would like extra money comes in to go into the ECBG.
- The extra funds in ECBG would amount to \$30,162,158 could be used as placeholder to do other things.

MOTION:

LeEtta Felter moved and Sierra Scott seconded a motion that the Children's Cabinet Board recommend approval of the Restoration Budget at \$59,124,916. Motion carried.

Note: The attached Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund budget narrative was submitted to the Division of the Budget.

Future Meetings

October 28, 2016

February 10, 2017

April 28, 2017

August 4, 2017

October 20, 2017

The October 28 meeting will begin 9:00 a.m. to allow more time for review of the AIIR and to make the CIF recommendations.

Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, Chair Adkins adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Several Board members stayed for lunch and the optional Board Docs presentation.