

## **Minutes of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund**

Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund board met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., **Friday, April 6, 2018**, in Marvin Auditorium 101C at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, located at 1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Topeka. Amanda Adkins, Chair presiding with a quorum. Cabinet notices all meetings by publishing in the Kansas Register.

**Present:** Amanda Adkins, Annie McKay, Gerald Henry, Shari Weber, Valdenia Winn, Dinah Sykes,  
Ex Officio Designees: Susan Gile and Sandra Kimmons, DCF, Tiffany Blevins, KSDE,  
Max Fridell, KBOR, and Rachel Sisson, KDHE  
**Cabinet Staff:** Janice Smith, Amy Meek, and Dyogga Adegbore

Janice Smith, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions from the audience and board.

### **Introductory Remarks from the Chair**

Cabinet Chair Amanda Adkins commented that early childhood continues to be a positive focus in the legislature with the restoration of CIF funding to some existing programs and allocation of new CIF funds to the Communities Aligned in Early Development & Education (CAEDE) pilot for FY 2019. She said that progress continues to be made in getting business leaders to coalesce, creating a new 501(C)3 targeted to invest in early childhood, and plans to collaborate with CAEDE.

### **Executive Director Updates**

Janice said audience members could participate in the meetings by asking questions using note cards located in the room. Audience members can write a question down, write their e-mail address, and give card to one of the KU CPPR representatives in the room. Questions may be answered during the meeting, if time permits or will be responded to via e-mail. Janice also reminded everyone the Kansas Children's Cabinet is moving toward a paperless board and the agendas, minutes, meeting slides, and policies could be accessed online through BoardDocs at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ks/kcct/Board.nsf/public>

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Adkins asked if there were edits to the minutes of Feb 9, 2018. Hearing none, Annie McKay moved that the board approve the minutes of *February 9, 2018*, as written. Motion was seconded by Valdenia Winn. Motion carried.

### **Treating Childhood Trauma – 60 Minutes Video**

The Children's Cabinet members and audience viewed an inspiring video about treating childhood trauma, which aired on the "60 Minutes" news show last month. In that episode, it featured Oprah Winfrey interviewing a childhood trauma survivor, a trauma program worker that was a domestic abuse survivor, and a psychiatrist that counsels trauma victims. Interviewees and Oprah agreed that survivors that had been surrounded by supportive family, friends or caring health professionals, made a positive difference in their lives.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Cabinet members signed a proclamation to show support of Child Abuse Prevention month followed by joining in a group picture. Vicky Roper, Director of Education & Awareness, KCSL & Prevent Child Abuse Kansas Director talked about Child Abuse Prevention month, distributed event information, CANP pinwheels, and lapel pins.

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### **Early Childhood – A Field of Great Opportunity**

Katie Schoenhoff, Program Officer, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund in Hutchinson, presented on the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. UMHM was formed from the sale of Wesley Medical Center to Hospital Corporation of America in 1985 with a \$68M investment, and established to advance health, healing and wholeness.

UMHM conducts universal screening for social/emotional development of children ages birth to 5 and maternal depression screening using Edinburgh. Through NeuroNurture Communications Campaign, targets the general public, business leaders, early childhood advocates to generate public support and investment. ABC (Attachment, Biobehavioral Catch-Up) is a three-year, evidence-based initiative designed to regulate infant/toddler cortisol levels. The ABC Initiative Grant invests \$2.4M in 5 test sites in 35 counties in the state. Four of the communities served are Early Childhood Block Grantees.

### **Infant Mortality, Kansas Update**

Greg Crawford, Director, Vital and Health Statistics Data Analysis, Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE), presented demographic information about infant mortality in Kansas. He showed charts with Kansas characteristics, births and linked infant deaths, comparisons of selected outcomes and caveats and limitations, and Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) data. Although birth rates are declining in Kansas, infant mortality has risen among certain ethnic groups. Rachel Sisson, KDHE talked about the importance of maternal health and why programs such as Home Visiting are important.

### **Developing a State Wide Infrastructure for Safe Sleep Promotion**

Christy Schunn, Director, KIDS Network presented information about safe sleep promotion in the state. She introduced her colleagues Dr. Carolyn Ahlers-Schmidt and Jill Nelson. The KIDS Network is part of the KU Wichita Pediatrics. Christy provided status on Kansas Infant Mortality and showed a chart of different factors such as Congenital Anomalies, Premature or Low Birth Weight, Sudden Unexplained Infant Death, Maternal Factors (mother's health), and other causes and percentages. Safe Sleep Instructor Certification Training is provided and Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers are held around the state. The Baby showers are an interactive event that invites new and expect parents, their support people to gather for an educational baby shower. There are 22 Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers scheduled in 2018. All 69 hospitals in the state have staff that completed the training. The event provides knowledge about safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco cessation, and provides the mothers with portable cribs and wearable baby blankets. Training will be extended to Parents As Teachers and Child Care Aware providers.

Jill Nelson, KIDS Network in Geary County, shared her experience as a bereaved parent of a son that passed away of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in 2006 while in the care of daycare. From that experience, she became involved with the KIDS Network. Although infant mortality is a problem, SUIDS can be combated through sustainability of partners and a push for SUID investigation through legislation. She encouraged utilizing the National SUID Case Registry to access the data.

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**Kansas Prevention Investments Annual Report**

Janice Smith commented that the Cabinet has reached the two-hour mark of the meeting. She asked Shabrie Perico, KU CPPR Team member if she would present on the Kansas Prevention Investments Annual Report at the August meeting. Shabrie said that was fine. Janice said that videos about TOP Early Learning Center and Child Care Aware Match Madness will be shown at the August 17 meeting.

**Upcoming 2018 Cabinet Meetings:**

Friday, August 17, 2018 (Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library)

Friday, October 26, 2018 (Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business for discussion, Shari Weber moved that the Cabinet adjourn its meeting. Valdenia Winn seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Cabinet adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

**Child Abuse Prevention Month 2018 Proclamation**

Whereas, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

Whereas, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas' families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

Whereas, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

Whereas, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas' children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

Therefore, we, the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund members, do hereby support the importance of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

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